

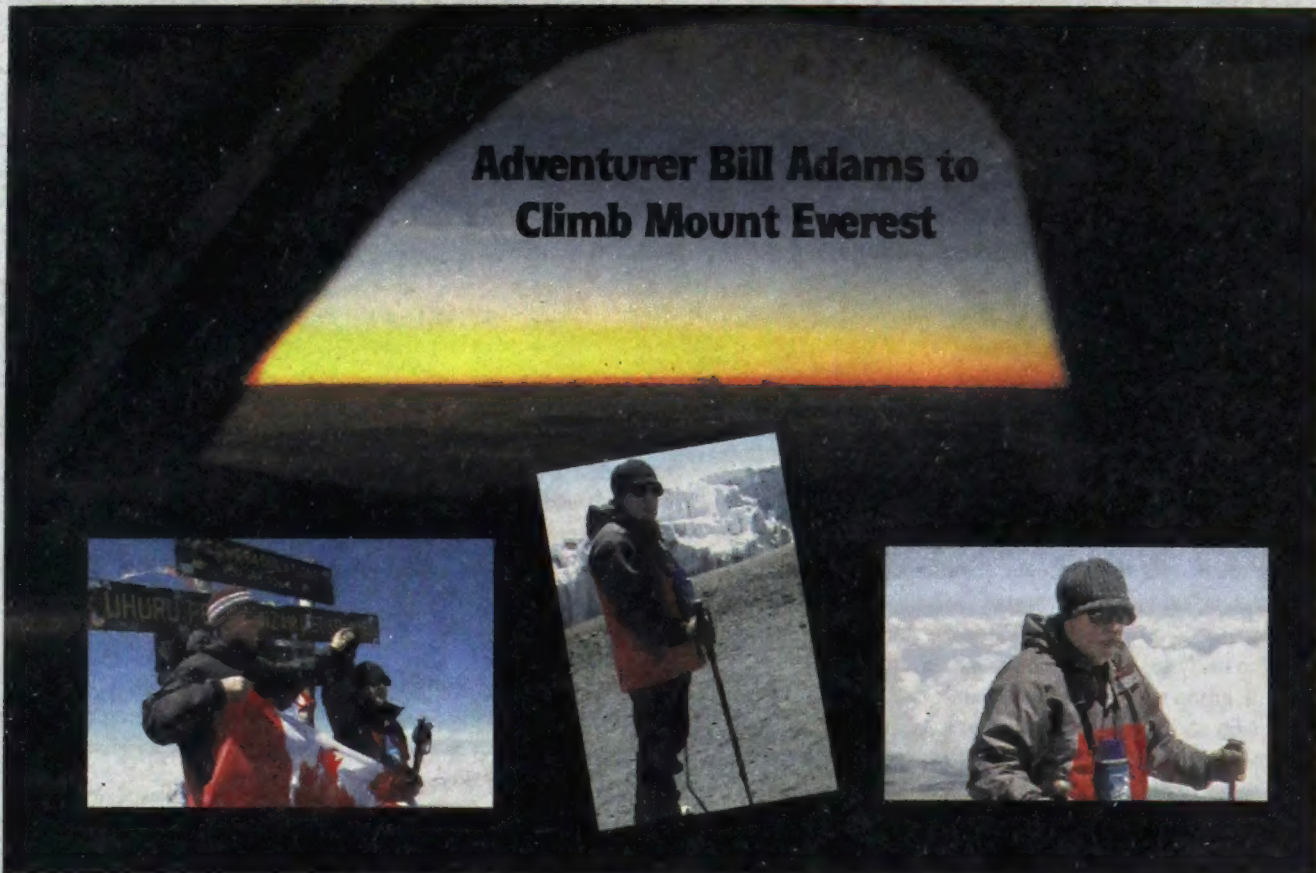
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Adventurer Bill Adams to Climb Mount Everest

Minden Cottager Climbs for Big Brothers

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

Just one year and two weeks ago, on February 13th 2009, Bill Adams had just reached the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro. Standing at 5,895 metres Kilimanjaro is awe inspiring yet that wasn't quite enough for this adventurer. On April 11th 2011 Bill will disembark with fellow travelers to tackle Mount Everest, which stands at an incredible 8,848 metres.

These journeys all started back in 2008 when Bill had just gone on a three week safari in Tanzania, spending time camping in the Serengeti desert. On returning from the Serengeti the pilot asked Bill if he wanted to fly over Kilimanjaro. Bill jumped at the offer and they toured over the mountain.

He landed back in Canada on a Tuesday afternoon and the following morning a friend told him about some travel plans she had. Bill says, "She told me she was putting together a climbing group to climb Kilimanjaro next year. She asked if I was in? I told her 48 hours ago I was just flying over it, I'm definitely in."

The feat, although obviously an extremely personal climb for each mountaineer, was organized to raise money for Big Brothers

Adventurer Bill Adams on Mount Kilimanjaro. His next quest: Mount Everest in April 2011.

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Tourism Board Takes Action; Appeals to Queen's Park

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

**"We don't want all of our hard work to become a huge wash."
(Tourism Board's Dave Bishop)**

The Haliburton County Tourism Board is about to do everything in its power to help to unite the County within one tourism region. Despite the lack of detail available at this point about the impact that splitting Haliburton County as a tourism destination will have by the province's creation of 13 new tourism regions, the County Council is being quite vocal in their desire to see the county remain intact regardless of what region they're in. And the Tourism Board is prepared to back the Council all the way.

Last Friday morning the board held an impromptu meeting in the county council chambers to discuss a strategy. The result? The board will be asking all of its stakeholders to write letters to the Minister and Deputy Minister of Tourism with copies to MPP Rick Johnson asking that the County be realigned as a whole with one region, preferably Region 8, which includes traditional tourism partners; Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough and Northumberland.

Economic Development & Tourism Director Bob Smith brought the board members up to date on the county's activities since the McGuire government failed to meet the expectations of a large number of stakeholders across the province, despite promises of consultation and assurances that Haliburton would indeed, be aligned with established partners. Instead, the province has partnered Algonquin Highlands with Region 12 that encompasses Muskoka, Nipissing and Parry Sound, while the remainder of the county has been aligned with Region 11 encompassing the Ottawa Valley.

Smith said that he had held a number of discussions with Assistant Deputy Minister Kurts, who has carried the ball during most of a process that was intended to strengthen the tourism industry in Ontario. Smith said he had voiced concerns about the potential loss of Haliburton's identity and the cost of sending representatives to meetings in two separate regions further stretching already limited resources. Smith said that he echoed a variety of concerns being heard loud and clear by County Council and tourism stakeholders.

"So far Kurtz will not compromise, saying that is simply the way it's going to be." According to Smith, Kurtz gave assurances that regardless of the splits that had been made with the establishment of new regions, all areas will receive the same marketing attention.

Smith also advised that the \$40 million dollar annual budget for the province will remain at the regional level with no funding coming down to the local level. While each region will receive a minimum allocation of funding, they will be topped up

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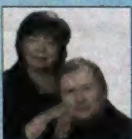
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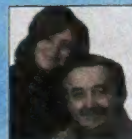
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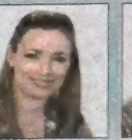
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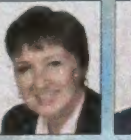
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of Samia-Lambton. Bill Adams currently splits his time between living in Samia and at his residence on Denna Lake in Minden.

Big Brothers is a nation wide mentor program, and its mission statement reads, "To provide responsible guidance in the development of life skills to the children of our community through companionship with adult volunteers." All of the money raised would go directly to the cause, with each mountaineer paying for the trip costs; food, accommodation, flights, guide etc.

Shortly after agreeing to the Kilimanjaro climb Bill became involved with other fundraising events with Big Brothers. In the mean time he clocked up numerous hours at the gym to prepare himself for what lay in wait.

Although the trip was designed to raise money to help children in Canada the climbers made sure they didn't forget about the children they were to meet in their host countries. Bill explains how "the first thing we did when we landed in Tanzania was to go to an orphanage. We met the kids there and took 40 sweaters with us; it was cold for them at night. We gave them money towards their school. When we travel to Nepal we're going to Kathmandu and in some way we'll support the local kids. It's our attitude that if we are the guest of that country then we want to try and do something for that community. On the Kilimanjaro trip some of the climbers sponsored a cook to go to school so he could become a licensed guide on the mountain as he couldn't afford the schooling costs. By African standards the pay of a

guide is very good."

It took the team of 24 climbers seven days to reach the summit and two days to descend. It's quicker on the way down as the climbers don't have to acclimatize to the altitude. They spent eight to ten hours a day walking reaching a number of 68 miles in total.

In order to reach the summit at 5,895 metres they actually walked 21,9456 metres. Bill explains "it's called walk high, sleep low. You go up to say 3,000 metres and go down to 2,500 metres to sleep. Then the next day you go up to 4,000 metres and you come back to 3,500 metres to sleep. You are constantly going up and down all the time. We had on an optima that would only measure when you were going up which we kept at constant. It showed we had gone up to a total of 21,9456 metres, that's part of the acclimatization."

The acclimatization was a large part in the climb resulting in a success. Altitude sickness, diarrhea and dehydration are the main challenges to overcome. "Some people got very ill, one individual had to stop because of the altitude sickness. You have to force yourself to constantly drink water, it's extremely dry at the top because dehydration is such an issue."

The group of climbers had eight guides to help them to the top who climb Kilimanjaro every two weeks. "My guide was called God Bless believe it or not. It was so funny because every time someone would sneeze we'd say; God Bless and he'd turn around and say yes? Something wrong?"

Bill and his fellow climbers slept in tents that felt like "you were crawling into a fridge with your camping gear on. You don't get much sleep; the biggest issue is having breathing troubles. You'll fall asleep and then you'll wake up because you are having trouble breathing."

To keep energy levels high they consumed energy bars, pasta, stews and porridge. Foods that are packed full of carbohydrates keep them going. Bill recalls that as soon as "we came down from the mountain at 3pm, we got cleaned up at a nearby hotel and then immediately caught a plane to Amsterdam." It was then when they adventured outside of the airport, while waiting to catch their flight home that they all ran as fast as they could, to the Golden Arches. "Everybody ran for cheeseburger and fries, at that point in time it was the best meal we'd ever had," laughs Bill.

Food issues aside the biggest challenge for Bill was, "once you get above 4,500 metres the challenge becomes mental not physical. You've trained and conditioned your body so you know that you are in good shape but once you get over that mark because of the lack of oxygen in the air it becomes more of a mental climb. You have to keep telling your body to keep

going and not to stop. Your mind starts to play tricks on you because of the lack of oxygen. Subtle things, like you'll use your chapstick, put it in your pocket, 10 minutes later you want to use it again but you can't remember where you put it. You think your going crazy. Walking at such a high level you're physically tired, you can't do anything quickly, everything has to be done in a very slow deliberate fashion."

Reaching the top of the mountain on the seventh



day was, "anti-climatic in a way, there is a sign on some rocks saying you've reached the summit. There's no Timmies, no big band." He adds, "We were all sad to leave the summit, you get back home and it's somewhat of a downer. The whole trip is so intense and exciting and you return home and think this is boring. Everyone goes through a bit of a downer on the way back. You think what am I going to do now?"

And that's exactly what was running through the rest of the climbers' minds. They had started planning the Everest trip before they had even reached the bottom of Kilimanjaro.

They raised approximately \$175,000 for Big Brothers of Samia-Lambton from climbing Kilimanjaro and they hope to break the \$200,000 barrier from the Everest trip.

The Everest trip will take 21 days with 16 of them climbing days. Forty climbers will be participating on the Everest trip which will comprise of three groups. One group will go from Kathmandu to base camp Everest which is 5,500 metres which is where all the climbers will congregate. The second group will try and do a summit attempt on Everest which Bill won't be participating in. "That's out of my league, that's 8,848 metres, its death zone climbing." The last group which Bill will go in will climb from Kathmandu to base camp Everest and drop south to Island Peak. Island Peak is a mountain in the Himalayas which is 6,189 metres and Bill hopes to summit it. Island Peak is a snow capped mountain with an exposed summit ridge. They'll wear crampons and will be harnessed on a rope climb. Two or four people from the Big Brothers group will attempt to summit Everest.

Climbing Everest is a much more technical climb, it's colder and snow ridden. Bill who says that "climbing relaxes me, I don't get nervous. There's an American climber, Ed Viesturs who has a saying, 'reaching the summit is optional, getting down is mandatory.' You have to know when to say I'm turning around, you need to be able to make that decision."

Bill trained for a full year for Kilimanjaro and for Everest he's already been training for the past 15 months. Once coming off the mountain he took a two week break and went right back to the gym. He's now been training close to two years to get ready for Everest.

You can donate to the Everest climb by visiting the website www.samiabigbrothers.org Bill says, "Any funding we receive is greatly appreciated. Funding is a full time job to continue to raise funds to keep the organization going."

When Bill relocates to Minden permanently in the future, he will look at the Haliburton branch of Big Brothers Big Sisters as one community group to join. He adds, "It's a great organization and if the Haliburton branch ever wanted to set something up similar to what we've done I would gladly assist them."

Everest won't be the last climb for Bill, how he'll top Everest though you'll have to stay tuned. ■

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Dorset Celebrates with Annual Snowball Winter Carnival

It was a wild and woolly annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival last weekend when perfect weather and enthusiastic crowds flooded the town. Over 200 people turned up at the Pancake Breakfast alone. The traditional zany floats and literally dozens of events kept things hopping throughout the two days of fun, feasts, and competitions. ■

Photos by Gord Barter



THURSDAY



Breezy with snow showers

▲ -3° ▼ -7°

FRIDAY



Breezy with snow showers

▲ -3° ▼ -7°

SATURDAY



Cloudy with scattered showers

▲ -3° ▼ -7°

SUNDAY



Cloudy with scattered showers

▲ -4° ▼ -8°

MONDAY



Cloudy with scattered showers

▲ -4° ▼ -8°

TUESDAY



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WEDNESDAY



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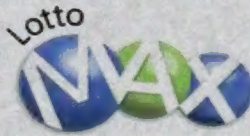
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Acapulco	31/20/su	31/21/su	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	28/21/ts	27/22/cl	32/27/su
Antigua	31/22/pc	31/22/pc	31/26/su	Nassau	22/16/su	21/15/su	31/28/sh
Barbados	31/26/pc	32/26/su	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	31/22/ts	30/21/ts	33/26/cl
Bermuda	19/16/ra	18/13/pc	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	29/19/su	30/19/su	29/23/su
Cancun	21/15/su	23/17/su	32/26/pc	St Thomas	30/24/pc	30/23/ts	28/24/pc
Curacao	31/25/ts	32/26/pc	31/24/ts	St Maarten	30/24/pc	31/25/pc	31/27/su
Freeport	21/14/su	20/13/su	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	29/21/ts	29/21/ts	31/21/ra
Georgetown	31/24/ts	31/24/ts	31/23/ts	San Juan	30/23/su	29/22/ts	29/23/su
Havana	22/11/su	23/11/su	34/24/su	San Salvador	31/18/cl	32/20/cl	32/22/su
Key West	22/17/su	22/16/su	23/17/pc	Santo Domingo	32/23/ts	29/21/ts	33/26/su
Kingston	29/23/ts	28/23/cl	33/32/su	Trinidad	32/23/pc	32/23/pc	32/27/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk	Sunday HI/Lo/Otk	Monday HI/Lo/Otk	Tuesday HI/Lo/Otk	Wednesday HI/Lo/Otk
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Barrie	-2/-6/sn	-2/-6/sn	-3/-7/sf	-3/-7/sf	-4/-8/sf	-4/-9/sf	-4/-10/sf
Dorset	-3/-7/sn	-3/-7/sn	-3/-7/sf	-4/-8/sf	-4/-8/sf	-4/-9/sf	-4/-10/sf
Haliburton	-3/-7/sn	-3/-7/sn	-3/-7/sf	-4/-8/sf	-4/-8/sf	-4/-9/sf	-4/-10/sf
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Lindsay	-2/-6/sn	-2/-6/sn	-3/-7/sf	-3/-7/sf	-4/-8/sf	-4/-9/sf	-4/-10/sf
Minden	-3/-7/sn	-3/-7/sn	-3/-7/sf	-4/-8/sf	-4/-8/sf	-4/-9/sf	-4/-10/sf
Oshawa	-1/-4/sn	-1/-4/sn	-2/-5/sf	-2/-6/sf	-2/-6/sf	-2/-7/sf	-2/-8/sf
Ottawa	-2/-5/sn	-1/-5/sn	-3/-7/sf	-4/-8/sf	-4/-8/sf	-4/-9/sf	-4/-10/sf
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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk	Sunday HI/Lo/Otk	Monday HI/Lo/Otk	Tuesday HI/Lo/Otk	Wednesday HI/Lo/Otk
Calgary	6/-6/pc	6/-7/pc	5/-7/su	3/-8/pc	4/-7/pc	4/-6/pc	3/-8/cl
Edmonton	4/-7/pc	2/-9/pc	1/-10/pc	0/-11/pc	0/-11/pc	0/-11/pc	2/-13/cl
Fredericton	5/0/mx	1/-4/sn	0/-4/sf	-1/-6/sf	-1/-6/sf	-1/-7/sf	-1/-7/sn
Halifax	7/2/sh	2/-3/sn	2/-2/pc	2/-3/cl	3/-2/cl	3/-3/mx	2/-4/sn
Montreal	1/-4/sn	-1/-5/sn	-2/-7/sf	-3/-7/sf	-2/-7/sf	-3/-8/sf	-3/-9/sf
Regina	0/-12/cl	-1/-13/pc	-1/-12/cl	-2/-12/cl	-1/-11/cl	0/-9/pc	-1/-11/pc
St. John's	2/-6/su	3/-4/pc	-2/-7/sf	-2/-7/sf	0/-6/sf	-1/-7/sn	0/-6/sn
Saskatoon	1/-10/cl	1/-11/pc	1/-11/cl	0/-12/cl	1/-11/cl	1/-10/pc	-1/-11/pc
Vancouver	9/4/sh	11/6/ra	10/4/sh	11/7/sh	12/7/sh	12/6/sh	11/4/sh
Whitehorse	-6/-16/sf	-6/-16/pc	-12/-22/cl	-11/-19/sn	-9/-17/cl	-12/-19/sn	-13/-21/sn
Winnipeg	-5/-13/pc	-6/-14/pc	-7/-13/sf	-8/-15/sf	-7/-15/sf	-6/-13/pc	-4/-11/su

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Sunday 2/21	-1°C	-9°C	0.0 mm
Saturday 2/20	4°C	-3°C	0.3 mm
Friday 2/19	1°C	-5°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 2/18	-2°C	-5°C	0.1 mm
Wednesday 2/17	-2°C	-7°C	1.7 mm
Tuesday 2/16	-2°C	-7°C	2.6 mm

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Fri. 6:57 a.m./5:57 p.m.	3:42 p.m./5:33 a.m.
Sat. 6:56 a.m./5:59 p.m.	5:05 p.m./6:04 a.m.
Sun. 6:54 a.m./6:00 p.m.	6:27 p.m./6:31 a.m.
Mon. 6:52 a.m./6:01 p.m.	7:47 p.m./6:56 a.m.
Tues. 6:50 a.m./6:03 p.m.	9:06 p.m./7:21 a.m.
Wed. 6:49 a.m./6:04 p.m.	10:23 p.m./7:47 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Feb. 28	March 7	March 15	March 23

Above, far left: The floats proceed through the town.
Above left: Dorset Town Crier Bruce Kruger welcomes the enthusiastic crowd
Top: Wildlife Caller and Poet Stephen Morrin practices his craft (no report on what came running!)
Above: Head Chili Cook Mike Buss waiting for the customers to arrive. The 20-member group called Dorset Lifeliners raised over \$3,000 from the even and uses the funds to cater funerals in the community.
Right: Circus Jonathan gives Andrew Simmons of Carlisle Ontario the ride of his life!

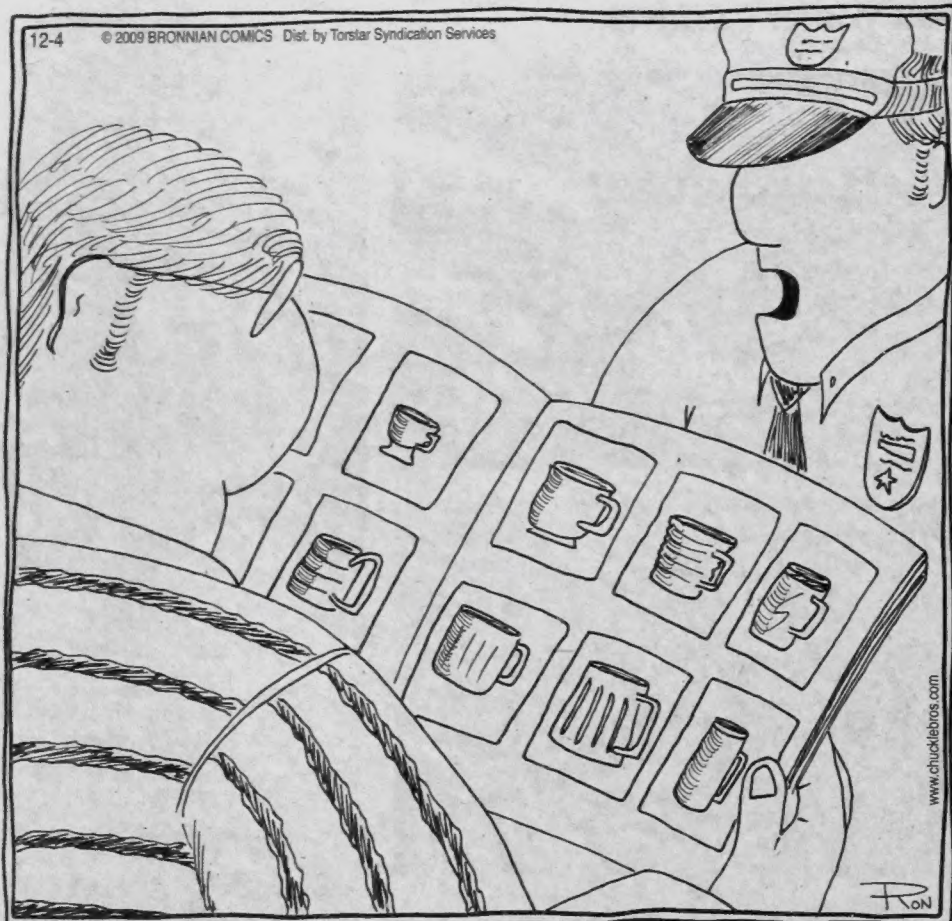
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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

RE: Hafiz & Shelina Makani's Letter.

Well Hafiz, after that letter, I think most people see the problem. In a nutshell, "quoting you", if you have five parking spots now, "off" the sidewalk you will obviously have enough room for two parking spots in front of your store beyond the curb and new sidewalk, which will be perfect for seniors! What is not perfect for seniors or anyone else "on the sidewalk" is walking around delivery trucks. If you can't afford the concrete guide pylons in your drive then have them pull up parallel to the new sidewalk and wheel the orders in as we do at the Theatre. If your seniors can't step over a curb as they do everywhere else, they won't be able to get back into their cars or the step at the door to their houses. But this really isn't about seniors anyway is it?

Your actions following the first meeting you didn't attend probably prevented the new sidewalks from being done for the towns 150th.

At the next public meeting, which almost 30 people, except you, attended, the engineers asked each person to put their name on a piece of paper, along with any comments they had. The council viewed the comments, and voted to proceed. It is known as democracy, and compromise.

As to the MOE when you lodged that complaint, you delayed construction of the sidewalks last fall, so now we all have to look forward to the place being torn up this spring. Guess you forgot when someone lodges a complaint, opposing views are also heard!

When you requested this paper do the article, did you seriously think they wouldn't investigate and would report only your opinion?

Anyhow I am sitting here wondering if Sandy holidaying in Jamaica is having nightmares of your customers parking on her lot more than 15 minutes, if Dianne Austin is on the phone trying to find out how much her paycheque with the city is, if the city is really waiting by the phone for instructions from me, and if the Bears are thinking they should wake up two months early from Hibernation just so they can rumble around town endangering us!

P.S. There is also another Convenience Store in town, it is called The Gateway they are losing one parking spot in front of the store without getting excited ... & they park sideways there?

Keith Stata,
Kinmount, ON ■

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Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Liz Danielsen

Raising the Roof about Firehalls in Highlands East



Fire protection in Highlands East undoubtedly remains the single most important issue on the local Council's agenda. It appears to have been an extremely hot topic with the previous Council and it has remained a top priority for the present Council throughout their term. It is also something that continues to engage a large majority of Highlands East residents and tax payers while they watch the Council wrestle with a difficult decision making process; each member juggling their natural instincts against previous campaign platforms.

The struggle to decide whether to retain all of the remaining five firehalls across one of the largest geographic areas in the County, or to consolidate the halls in some way has created the most conflict and controversy of any challenge that has faced the Council for years, possibly engendering more letters to the editor of local papers than any other equally compelling issue in the County. Some articles and letters to the editor have been quickly followed up with outraged voices and from time to time, the odd hint of intimidation over possible or pending lawsuits has raised its ugly head.

While fire protection and the ever rising cost of insurance are subjects very dear to any home owners heart, it could be that the Council has simply been too close to the subject to make truly unbiased decisions, with three of the five council members being either actively involved or having a long standing history with the fire department. In several cases family members have also either joined the department or provided training to the firefighters, making the decision making process that much more complex.

When faced with reduced funding from both the federal and provincial governments, Council has a very real issue to deal with when considering the condition of a number of the firehalls and the cost effectiveness of the department overall and that challenge only increased when faced with a detailed Master Fire Plan that included some harsh realities; a costly plan that has caused heated debate and strong opposition since its presentation. This, combined with other infrastructure issues that have plagued the Council since amalgamation could be seen as true impediments to the community's natural growth progression.

While the Council contemplates the best way to move the municipality forward, the shadow of lawsuits over listening devices planted in the halls, the termination of the previous fire chief and an absolute boondoggle over the sale of generators to residents, continues to hang over Council, further complicating the whole issue and often hampering the ability for truly open discussion.

Last week's coverage of Council's latest decision to keep all of their firehalls open, with the exception of Tory Hill, has raised the ire of Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie who has protested to this writer and Voice Editor Stephen Patrick, that he (Mackie) has been misrepresented or misunderstood when it comes to the closure of the Highland Grove firehall or for that matter, the closure of any of the firehalls. His concerns to some extent have been echoed in letters to the editor in this issue from long standing Gooderham residents (and former Reeves) Chuck Viner and Bev McDuff.

Despite any comments to the contrary, there is no getting away from the fact that over the last three and a half years the position of Council seems to have gone from maintaining all of the firehalls (part of earlier campaign promises by some), to closing some of the firehalls, to building one or more new firehalls in various locations, and back to keeping them all excepting Tory Hill and making much needed repairs. Even Mackie and Councillor Gary Stoughton, both extremely vociferous about all fire department matters, have agreed to the closures and development of new firehalls.

It has also been suggested that this writer has slanted her coverage of municipal events in Highlands East in favour of some members of Council at the expense of others. All I can say to that is that, as a reporter I make every effort to portray the decisions of Council and their rationale as accurately as possible.

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More Letters to the Editor

To the Editor

"You do not report to staff, they report to you!"

The ongoing discussions over Fire Protection in the Highlands East are almost laughable. If we take a close look at the whole ridiculous scenario, it is nothing more than a reintroduction of the ill fated five year plan from the 2006 election. Rate payers let council know in no uncertain terms that closing Fire Halls would not be tolerated. So instead of listening, this completely dysfunctional Council hired a consultant, paid him huge dollars to tell them exactly what they wanted to hear!

Let's look at some facts from 2006; Reeve Dave Burton promised rate payers in Ward 3 that he would not support the Bark Lake Asphalt Plant; in fact that was the major thrust of his campaign in Ward 3. After the election he did a complete about face and gave his full support to the Asphalt Plant.

After the last Election there was much talk about closing the Gooderham Post Office; Ward 3 residents let council know that no way would they allow this to happen.

Let us not forget the fiasco over the Wilberforce Medical Centre, where by Council voted to close Medical Centre without any discussion what so ever with rate payers or the Medical staff. How dumb is that? A large contingent of rate payers made sure that decision was changed.

Whatever happened to the promise of having an occasional evening Council meeting, so working people would have an opportunity to attend? Another broken promise; the excuse for this particular promise being discarded: we can't get staff to attend an evening meeting! Well perhaps we should explain to Council that they do not need permission from staff members to schedule Council meetings, or possibly some one needs to explain to the Reeve and Council, **YOU DO NOT REPORT TO STAFF THEY REPORT TO YOU!**

Oh yes, let's not forget the huge problem with spoiled ballots in 2006. How is Council dealing with this scenario? Why of course they have hired the same company to run the 2010 Election. The election before 2006 was so messed up a private citizen asked the O.P.P to investigate but obviously we can't blame current Council for that problem. However, let us hope some one can get it right this time. We are entitled under the democratic process to have a fair election. Is that too much to expect? Whatever Council has decided currently, let us not forget that their decision to change their mind was motivated entirely by the fact that this is an election year. There is no other reason. When the All Candidates Meetings begin, all candidates must be questioned thoroughly as to where they stand on Fire Department issues.

Personally I believe this is only a temporary stall to pacify rate payers until after the election. The answer of course is to elect a new Council, who hopefully will be more trust worthy than the current group.

Chuck Viner
Gooderham, Ontario ■

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At a town hall style meeting in Highland Grove last week Reeve Dave Burton thanked the firemen for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the municipality, and absolutely no one can question that these men and women are willing to put themselves in harm's way to save life and property. But does their dedication and years of service give them more right than any other citizen to influence what must to some extent be a tough love kind of business decision by the municipality?

Could their reluctance to integrate the firehalls and their own efforts be just another lingering glitch in the amalgamation of the municipality?

As someone who attends all of the Council meetings it is apparent from time to time that this is a Council that finds it very difficult to meet one of its most basic requirements; to work together as one body representing the needs of the municipality as a whole. It has become increasingly obvious that this is a Council that is still reeling from something approaching amalgamation angst.

As always, the Voice welcomes our readers comments. ■

Dear Editor:

"Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie in no way wrote or dictated my "Letters to The Editor" I submit. I am very capable addressing issues and concerns I feel are of importance and do not require a tutor."

It seems to me as if [Voice Reporter] Liz Danielsen, in her reporting, is favouring some members of council while chastising others; clarification is required.

Reeve Burton's mindset was to build a new municipal office and 8000 square foot fire hall. More campaign promises broken. The consultant hired whose sole purpose was to deal with fire hall issues even mentioned the building of a new municipal office. Makes one wonder who influenced him to make such a statement in his report when that was not the purpose of his hiring.

Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie after much frustration was able to help resolve the issue surrounding the lack of space at the Wilberforce municipal office. By relocating the building department to the Gooderham office utilizing space that was otherwise left vacant it freed up more space at the Wilberforce office. Although he did not agree to one large fire hall he and councillor Gary Stoughton did agree with the building of two perhaps smaller ones. Deputy Reeve Mackie was criticized in the newspaper for only checking for the presence of mold at the Wilberforce school however the article neglected to report he also checked for mold on two separate occasions at the Cardiff school, for which I secured confirmation of such.

At the Oct. 13/09 council meeting which Deputy Reeve Mackie was unable to attend the CAO read his ward report - check the minutes. It was he who recommended holding public meetings in Highland Grove and Cardiff enabling those people to voice their concerns regarding the relocating and closing of their fire halls, so let's give credit where credit is due. At the Nov. 10/09 council meeting resolution 2009-368 - check the minutes - it was moved by Gary Stoughton seconded by Jim Mackie to repair the roof at Station 2 Highland Grove. The motion was carried so obviously all of council agreed.

Fire hall initiatives were undertaken with too much haste based on the consultants report in the absence of public participation, information and rationalization. The cost for the consultants report however was born on the shoulders of the taxpayers. Now to save face some are making reference to honour campaign promises not to close fire halls. Too bad they didn't think about this in the beginning.

Reeve Burton is now assuring everyone that repairs would be made at the Highland Grove fire hall. 'NOTE' I think this was covered in resolution 2009-368. Reeve Burton also commented our residents have made it clear that they would like to keep their fire halls to the greatest extent possible and that is what we have delivered. He also stated he was very pleased to see the number of people that had turned out in support of their fire hall.

How ironic are his comments when his main objective was to build a new fire hall and municipal office. Odd how things change in an election year and the extent some who were also void of any substantial contribution to council will go to secure support.

Finally I want to address rumours that have been circulated about my "Letters to the Editor" that implied that Mackie had dictated and written them. Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie in no way wrote or dictated any of my "Letters to The Editor". I am very capable of addressing issues and concerns I feel are of importance and do not require a tutor. Such negative comments are an insult to my character, integrity and intelligence which obviously these individuals who are spreading this rumours lack.

In conclusion if such individuals are concerned or question my capabilities have the foresight to address such to me personally. I am entitled to such and take offense to insinuations that are unfounded and untrue.

Beverly MacDuff
Gooderham ■

Dear Editor:

"What's the Sovereignty Group's charges?"

This was a front page item, continued on page 5 (County Voice, Feb 11th issue) and the story did not indicate what the point was. I live in this community and will admit that I am not tuned into everything that happens here. This is why I rely on you to let me know.

If the facts are secret then don't report it, if that's how you feel. If they are not, then let's hear what the Sovereignty Group's charges were. And Why and What, and Where in addition to Who. They walked? They paid fines? They violated property rights? What was the issue? Front page?

I love your paper, but let's get with it.

Jon James - Haliburton

Editor's Note:

We first reported on the sovereignty group on page two of our November 19th 2009 issue. The six adults were charged with unlawfully being in a dwelling house contrary to the criminal code on November 10th 2009. They took up residence at a vacant Kennisis Lake property that was listed. The group believed it was their God given right to make a claim to the cottage and that they shouldn't have to pay for anything.

Furthermore they had previously taken groceries from Dollo's IGA in Minden and after refusing to pay for them they were shortly arrested. Those charges were also dropped.

We further reported on the sovereignty group in our December 10th issue, page 14, January 14th issue, page three and February 11th issue, front page.

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Dear Editor:

Seniors Express Thanks for Snow Removal Efforts

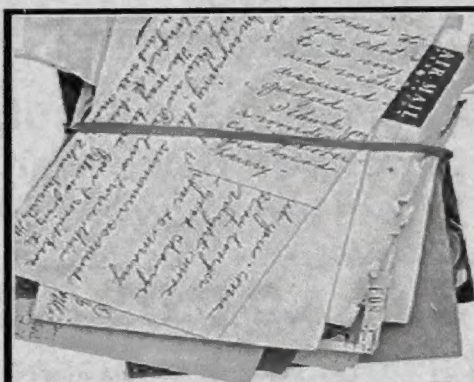
Last Fall the "Aging well in Haliburton County Committee" met with the Haliburton "BIA" along with our Reeve, Murray Fearrey, to share our concern about the difficulty that many Seniors were having with getting around the village during heavy snow conditions. The meeting was considered a success, in that many positive thoughts and ideas were exchanged on how things might be improved.

After our earlier snow falls in December the difference was certainly noticeable and according to one of our members, who, upon meeting Murray Fearrey on the street one day, relayed to him our delight that conditions had so vastly improved. Murray Fearrey replied "Isn't it remarkable what can be accomplished when we just sit down and talk to one another." We agree wholeheartedly.

We would now like to congratulate and thank not only the municipality, but all those establishments in the village that have contributed to the considerable improvements on our sidewalks and the access to them.

Hopefully, your efforts will be rewarded by increased patronage to your businesses by all members of our community.

Yours truly,
Bob Stinson, on behalf of
The Aging Well in Haliburton County Committee ■



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Tourism Board Takes Action

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likely based on a 'heads and beds' determination.

Smith also advised the board that the County Council had sent letters asking that the County be aligned with Region 8. He said the four lower tier municipalities have promised to follow suit.

According to Smith, despite requests for proposals, one organization will be recommended by each region, expressions of interest will be submitted by March 1st and that organization will likely be appointed as the Regional Tourist Organization, and marketing agent for the region.

Smith said, "We will be meeting with the Minister again in March to stress our desire to remain in one region. We don't want to lose our 'Haliburton Highlands: a Work of Art' identity."

Sally Moore said, "It could be that not enough pressure has been applied. We have an opportunity to actively participate and apply the pressure as tourism operators in the county. We're all affected. With as many voices from the Haliburton Highlands as we can gather, whether tourism operators or just people that live in the area, we can unify the county."

In response to comments by John McDonald that the second issue was which region Haliburton should be in, Tourism Board Chairman Dave Bishop said that he didn't think that the regional alignment would change and that the only hope was to ensure that Haliburton was not split into two regions.

The group discussed the rationale to be offered to the Minister showing the inherent value of remaining together, including financial, political, socio-economic, geographic and the importance of the arts community in Haliburton. It was agreed that the fact that many stakeholders had been left out of the consultation process should be stressed. Bishop said, "We have a week to get this done and I'd like to see some action as early as this afternoon."



Sunny Rock B&B Owner Sally Moore listens to the discussion

Moore stressed the importance of maintaining 'Haliburton Highlands' as a branded identity.

McDonald asked what the reaction had been from Algonquin Highlands, and Smith responded that the general feeling at the political level was that any efforts to partner with Muskoka in the past have been dismal.

Despite Bishop's comments that they may not have any success with choosing their region, the board did discuss what region they felt would be the best alignment for the County. It was generally agreed that there were more traditional marketing partners to the south, that the Ministry offering the greatest amount of assistance was OMAFRA out of Lindsay and there is an existing partnership with the Workforce Development Board that serves Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland and Haliburton.

Moore then said, "Let's look at this from the perspective of our visitors. Most of them come out of the Golden Horseshoe or the GTA. I believe that Region 8 [which includes the Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough, and Northumberland] is the one for us. It is the closest market to Toronto and the most important to us." It was also generally

agreed that most visitors travel up Highway 35 right through Region 8.

Amy Brohm, Tourism & Marketing Coordinator said that marketing had been taken out of Region 8 because of a lack of branding. "There's no specific identity that brings us together, so much of the funding will be used for branding. Brohm commented that there may be some commonality with Regions 11 and 12 as all have a focus on outdoor activities, the arts and being cottage country. Smith, however, reminded Brohm that the board had to consider the Economic Development and Tourism Committee's desire to be affiliated with Region 8.

Bishop agreed, saying, "There is a history that we should follow." He commented that a number of people feel that they will not be accepted socially by Muskoka and spoke of the huge waste of economic dollars and time that would be lost by having to re-establish ties in the east rather than the south including various maps and promotional projects that have been developed. He also commented that emphasis should be placed on the partnerships that had been established on trail development that draws a considerable number of people from the south.

"We don't want all of our hard work to become a huge wash," Bishop said.

Kim McBrien mentioned the tie between the Haliburton School of Fine Arts as a wing of Fleming College which further strengthens ties with Region 8.

Smith referred to a concern of County Council that if aligned with Region 11 much of the marketing initiatives would be focused on the Ottawa Valley and Quebec and that Haliburton would be lost. He also advised the board members that Mayor Ric McGee of the City of Kawartha Lakes would prefer Haliburton to be in Region 8 and that McGee would be writing to the Minister expressing those sentiments.

The board members agreed that Smith should prepare a letter for signature by Bishop as their chair. An e-mail will be sent out to all of the arts and tourism related stakeholders detailing the general theme that the board is following and asking that individual letters of concern be sent to the Minister. Moore said, "The letters, while following a common theme should be tailored to the needs of each business."

Another argument that the board members felt would be viable was the fact that the Ministry's priorities are attracting tourism investment and that investment in Haliburton as part of Region 8 would be more likely.

Wrapping the discussion up, Bishop said, "I'm happy that we've had the opportunity to sit down and create a plan of action. We all believe that we have the potential to make a change and that is the most important component to start with."

When asked to comment on the Board's decision to conduct a letter-writing blitz, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey voiced concern with the timing, knowing that the government is poised to make decisions on the RTOs early in March. He also said, "The Board is doing what it thinks it has to do to protect its identity and to continue with existing associations. We have to start somewhere and at least the government will hear loud and clear that we're not happy with things as they stand now." ■

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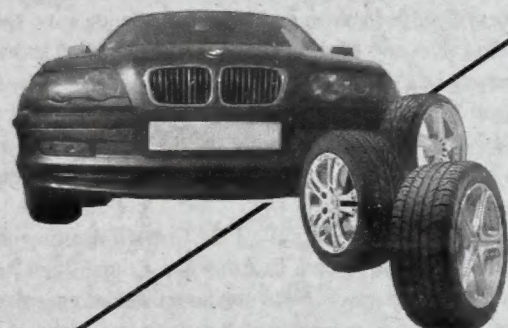
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Minden Hills Municipal Summary

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Strategic Plan Adopted for Cultural Centre

A new Strategic Plan for the Minden Hills Cultural Centre was reviewed and accepted by Council at its February 11th meeting. The plan lays out strategic priorities for the cultural centre and details a number of goals and objectives.

The new vision and mission statement is to add to the life of the community by helping residents and visitors explore, experience and enjoy the arts, the community's heritage, literature and environment, with a tag line that simply says "Explore, Experience, Enjoy."

Priorities include stabilizing and increasing annual revenues, creating a five year marketing strategy, increasing awareness and appreciation for the cultural centre, addressing long term site and facility needs and development, stabilizing and increasing staffing and volunteer resources, capitalizing on the strengths of each of the individual parts of the cultural centre while working toward a more integrated organization and clarifying expectations regarding staff roles, responsibilities, communications, procedures and 'deliverables'.

Cultural Centre Board Chair Michael Fay was on hand with the centre's Director Daniela Pagliaro to respond to questions on a number of the goals outlined in the plan. Fay voiced his gratitude to Council for their support in developing the physical facilities that are in place but said that the board hoped to take advantage of funding applications to continue a planning process that would help to develop a marketing strategy and increase both activities and public participation at the centre.

Fay said that as the site has evolved, people enter the cultural centre from different points. He said, "We should consider slight adjustments to the placement of facilities," adding that the placement of the gift shop could be changed without any great cost.

Some concern was voiced about references to increasing staff, but Pagliaro assured Council that this would be achieved through the use of students and by leveraging funding received as a result of grant applications.

Fay said, "This plan has been a five or six year process that has been funded by both the federal and provincial governments with intense involvement of volunteers. We have a reasonable and achievable plan now that will increase our fund raising capacity. We have drawn on an incredibly large pool of volunteers to make the site vital to Minden Hills and to building a creative economy."

Both Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Councillor Bill Obee congratulated Pagliaro and the committee for their dedication, hard work and achievements to date.

Economic Development Master Plan on the Block Once More

Despite discussions that have been taking place since 2008 and a unanimous decision last month by the Minden Hills Council to seek funding for the creation of an economic development master plan, it would appear that the project may be on the chopping block once more.

While there was no open discussion on the subject, Councillor Peter Oyler gave notice in writing that the decision to proceed with the project should be reconsidered during the March 25th Council meeting.

The municipality's procedural by-law requires that a motion for reconsideration be presented during a regular meeting of Council prior to further discussion taking place, hence the delay until March 25th.

Although the motion was not discussed it is possible that two things are under consideration. First, one third of the total cost of the project must be borne by the ratepayers and the resolution to proceed with a funding application was made before the budget deliberations have been completed. The second concern could be that the project, once awarded will extend beyond the term of the present Council, which would leave an ill prepared new Council holding what could be considered unwanted baggage.

Twin Lakes Application Denied

After months of considering a request by Gonyea Siding to operate a small commercial enterprise on the Twin Lakes Resort Property, the Minden Hills Council has officially turned down applications for an Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendment.

The issue has always been that the request to continue to operate a siding business in that location does not conform to the goals and objectives of the municipality's OP that prevent any commercial enterprise, other than a marina or those that are tourism related, from operating within 300 metres of the waterfront.

The application has been deferred several times to give the applicant time to provide clarification or sufficient time to justify their request. While a letter was submitted by Gonyea's legal representative, the municipality's planning consultant, Heather Sadler, advised Council that he hadn't offered any real basis for the municipality to revise its position on the suitability of the proposed use of waterfront property.

Sadler, who owns EcoVue Consulting Services out of Lakefield, had previously recommended that Council consider relaxing some of their regulations to accommodate this and other similar requests, but Council felt it would be premature to consider amending their OP before the review scheduled for later this year.

Twin Lakes Resort and Gonyea Siding will still have the opportunity to appeal Council's decision to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Planning Process under Consideration

The Minden Hills Planning Consultant, Heather Sadler has submitted a proposal to Council to consider amending the established schedule and time lines in place for reviewing planning applications.

Sadler recognized that the process followed by staff at the present time reflects Council's intention to proceed with applications in as timely a manner as possible so that applicants do not experience any delays. While present practices follow the requirements of the Planning Act, Sadler suggested that additional time be allotted within the required 180 day period to allow a more thorough review of submissions thus reducing issues that often arise late in the process.

Sadler wrote, "Such issues are often emotionally charged because they result from misinformation or misunderstandings that could have easily been addressed earlier in the planning review process."

She recommended that the municipality 'revise its current time frames to better reflect changes incorporated into the Planning Act in 2007 to ensure that applications are given the consideration that they deserve while still providing applicants with a time sensitive and efficient review.'

Councillor Peter Oyler requested that the recommendation be reviewed in closed session as the discussion could pertain to identifiable individuals within the municipality. Council agreed. ■



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Wolf Sightings Raise Alarms in County

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

“Wolf sightings can be influenced by a number of factors.” (Sam Itani, MNR)

A wolf howls across the bay and the eerie sound makes your spine tingle and hair rise at the back of your neck. It's all part of the beauty of living in a country that remains untamed to a large extent. But actually seeing a wolf in your backyard, sniffing the ground where your miniature black and tan dachshund was playing five minutes ago can bring a different kind of spine tingling reaction.

Over the past few weeks there have been two separate discussions at the municipal level about the increasing number of wolf sightings, particularly in communities that border Algonquin Park where the wolves are protected and efforts are being made to increase their numbers. But is there still a need for that protection when the wolves' bravado has increased to the point that they walk among us so often without fear.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey recently told his council that he has repeatedly heard concerns from residents about the visibility of wolves in residential areas. He also spoke of loggers who have had nasty confrontations in the bush with wolves who seem to be fearless. “Even people who have worked in the bush all of their lives are afraid,” he said. Fearrey and his Council are taking these concerns seriously and agreed to invite a representative from the Ministry of Natural Resources to address the issue. According to MNR, someone is scheduled to attend one of their meetings in March.

The very next day, wolves were a topic for discussion during



a Highlands East Council meeting. The Council supported a request from the Township of South Algonquin and will be asking the MNR to rescind the ban on wolf hunting in any township bordering on the park.

So what exactly are the rules about hunting and trapping of wolves inside the park and in the rest of the County? Sam Itani, Area Supervisor for the Ministry of Natural Resources in Minden has some insight into that, as well as some responses to other questions on the subject of wolves.

Hunting and trapping wolves or coyotes is definitely prohibited within Algonquin Park and within the boundaries of the 41 townships that border the park.

“Wolves and coyotes may be hunted under the authority of a small game license within the County, with some exceptions for specific geographic townships around Algonquin Park where the season is closed all year. In addition to a small game license, hunters must also have in their possession a wolf/coyote game seal. Local by-laws may prohibit the discharge of firearms or the use of traps in all or part of some municipalities.”

According to Itani, a complete wolf/coyote regulation summary can be

found on pages 75 and 76 of the 2009 Hunting Regulations Summary. (The majority of Haliburton County is within Wildlife Management Units 54, 56 and 57.)

There are some exceptions however, that are detailed in Section 31(1) of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. If a person believes or has reasonable grounds to believe that wildlife is damaging or about to damage their property, or an animal is threatening someone, the person has the right to harass the animal in efforts to deter it or, if the situation is serious enough, to capture or kill the animal.

According to Itani, these ‘protection of property provisions’ apply to wolves and coyotes in Ontario regardless of where the incident occurs, but anyone who kills a wolf or coyote while protecting life or property in northern or central Ontario has a responsibility to immediately report the incident to ministry officials.

When asked if her department believes that the wolf population is increasing, Itani responded that the ministry doesn't conduct any formal surveys to determine their numbers. But she added, “Anecdotally, we have been hearing from the community that wolf/coyote numbers are on the rise. From hunter surveys, both locally and provincially, the trend in the number of wolf sightings appears to be increasing.”

When asked if the number of actual human/wolf incidents have increased over the last few years, Itani responded that incidents of that nature are extremely rare.

“Because they are such a rare event, it is difficult to say whether the recent occurrences in this area are an increase or an abnormality. Recently, we have received more complaints from the public, but it is difficult to say whether these occurrences are a result of increasing numbers of wolves/coyotes.”

Itani says that wolf/coyote sightings can be influenced by

other factors, one of which is deer feeding. “Attracting deer by providing food for them in turn attracts wolves/coyotes that are simply following their prey.”

According to Itani, given recent media attention to bold coyotes and wolves, it is much more likely that both the public and the media will report or write stories on incidents related to fearless coyotes and wolves.

The County Voice asked Itani what, if anything, the Ministry is prepared to do to address growing concerns. In response, she said that the ministry helps landowners and municipalities to deal with ongoing wolf and coyote problems by providing fact sheets, recommending best practices on prevention/aversion, and informing landowners of their legal options under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act (including the use of licensed trappers and animal control agents, providing appropriate agency referrals and issuing authorizations where necessary.) She also said that MNR staff members are available to attend council meetings if there are questions about managing wolves in their communities.

Itani said that locally her department tracks and monitors incidents between humans and wolves or coyotes. Tracking this kind of occurrence allows MNR to look for trends and take action if necessary and she asks residents to contact their local MNR office to ensure that the information on any incident is documented.

But Itani reminds residents that wolves are natural predators that should be respected as potentially dangerous animals. “While these animals generally don't pose a threat to people in most situations, fearless behaviour by a wolf or coyote is unusual and a signal that the animal in question may pose a threat to human safety if precautions aren't taken.”

So, if you encounter a wolf, don't entice the animal, harass it or try to get a better look by approaching it, definitely don't feed it and always leave the animal room to escape.

If a wolf or coyote approaches you, growling or snarling or acting aggressively, raise your arms and wave them in the air to make yourself look larger. Try to remain calm and back away slowing. Don't turn your back or run from a wolf or any other wild animal. Make lots of noise and throw anything at hand at the animal. Use a whistle if you have one or pepper spray to frighten an approaching or threatening animal. (Note that pepper spray is only effective at short range.)

According to Itani, cats and small dogs are considered prey by wolves/coyotes, while larger dogs may be seen as competitors. To avoid confrontational situations consider feeding your pets indoors, don't allow them to roam, walk your dog on a leash at all times and don't leave your pet unattended outside unless they are in a kennel with a secure top. Wolves can easily jump into fenced yards and dogs confined by a chain are very vulnerable to attack.

In addition, to use the words of Bob Barker, “Spay or neuter your pets.” Wolves and coyotes are attracted to domestic dogs that haven't been spayed or neutered and might attempt to mate with them.

Other cautions offered by Itani include securing your garbage and minimizing attractants on your property. Keep your garbage in secure containers. Put garbage out on the morning of scheduled pickup days rather than the night before and use enclosed composting bins rather than exposed piles.

In order to prevent predation on livestock, Itani says that barns and sheds are the most effective protection. She suggests removing bush and forest from active pastures as it acts as a cover that helps to conceal predators. Electric fencing can be an excellent deterrent and well lit yards or motion-sensitive lighting can make properties less attractive to wolves, coyotes or other nocturnal wildlife. Finally, Itani says that guard animals like donkeys, llamas or dogs can be a cost effective way to protect livestock from predators. “Guard animals develop a bond with livestock if they are slowly integrated and will aggressively fend off predators.”

“If there is a public safety concern, call 911 immediately. Everyone has a right to protect themselves if personal safety is being threatened.” ■

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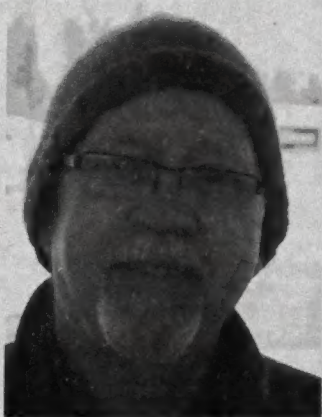
Have Your Say... VOX POP

Are you enjoying the Olympics?
Do you think we've put too much pressure on our athletes to win?
Do you think Canada has done a good job of hosting the Olympics?



Mike Burrows, Norland

Yes I've very much been enjoying them. I think the problem is the expectations are too high, I don't know whose fault that is, perhaps the media or the Olympic committee. They shouldn't have hyped it up so much. Especially with comments at the opening ceremony with Canada being the greatest country, it was over the top. I think they have done a wonderful job at hosting it though.



Ronn Craig, St. Catharines

I'm really enjoying it. I don't think the athletes get the backing they deserve money wise, they get emotional support but they don't have enough money. Plus there aren't enough people in it either. However I'm not disappointed in it at all, I think we've done really well; the ice dancing earlier this week was incredible. We've absolutely don't a good job at hosting, it's been great.



Carolyn Emmerson, Haliburton

I've been enjoying it a lot. I think Canadian really wanted to do their very best and get gold medals. I think the athletes have been putting too much pressure on themselves; they are doing the best they can. I think we'll get a few more before it ends.

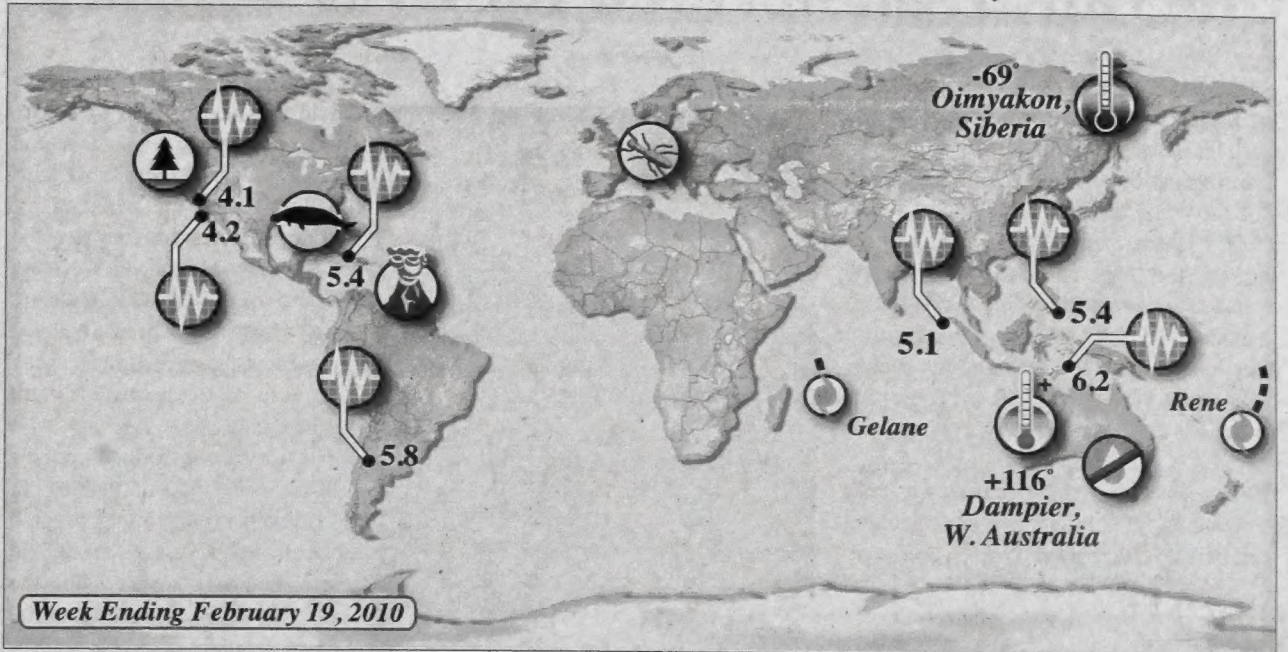


Fiona Martin, Haliburton

I've been enjoying the certain sports that I like to watch. As they say, it's the getting to the party that is the most important thing it's not about the winning. I admire them for their commitment as it's not really a financial reward when it's finished. We've done a good job of hosting, however when you strip away the glamour of it all, there is still a major homeless problem in Vancouver which does get overshadowed.

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Antarctic Shift



Researchers from the Australian Antarctic Division say they have discovered that Australia's recent crippling droughts have been caused by a shift in precipitation southward into Antarctica. Ice core samples reveal snowfall during recent decades in eastern parts of the frozen continent has been higher than at any other time in the past 750 years. The increase corresponds to the onset of parching and prolonged drought in Australia. Tas van Ommen and Vin Morgan wrote in *Nature Geoscience* that the shift was brought on by drier air blowing over southwestern Australia from the Southern Ocean, redirecting moist air southward into Antarctica.

Caribbean Blast



Some of the strongest activity in nearly four years at Montserrat's Soufriere Hills volcano sent ash soaring high above the Caribbean as clouds of super-heated gas and debris cascaded down the mountain's slopes. Ash from the blast, which was due to a massive collapse of the volcano's dome, disrupted air traffic across parts of the region. The village of Harris sustained extensive damage from the pyroclastic flows, with many buildings there razed to their foundations, according to the Montserrat Volcano Observatory. Ash reaching altitudes of nearly six miles blew across the southeast Caribbean, with extensive falls of ash reported in neighboring Guadeloupe. Firefighters on that island used fire engines to clear the thick layer of ash that had accumulated on the French archipelago's airport runways.

Arctic Chill Victims



Another round of bitterly cold weather blowing across Florida has killed even more native and invasive species there. The chill is believed to have killed off large numbers of invaders such as Burmese and African pythons, iguanas and non-native fish. Dead corpses of the unwelcome intruders have recently been found by licensed trackers and hikers. But the harsh conditions have also proven deadly for the benign and native manatees in the state's coastal waters. Wildlife officials report nearly 300 carcasses of the marine mammals have washed up on shore so far this year, with the majority dying due to the cold.

Ultimate Sacrifice



Seriously ill ants leave the nest to die alone rather than potentially infect others, researchers say. Scientists from the University of Regensburg, Germany, reared ants in a laboratory and exposed them to spores of a fungus that would kill them. Writing in the journal *Current Biology*, Jurgen Heinze and Bartosz Walter say they observed that most infected worker ants deserted the nest within hours or even days before they died. Many voluntarily ventured to a distant foraging area, where they died alone, far from their comrades. The same behavior was seen when another group of ants was exposed to an atmosphere of 95 percent carbon dioxide, which considerably reduces the insects' lifespan. Those ants also left the nest to die, as did other ants that were observed dying from unknown causes. Similar behavior has been seen in other social insects, such as bees.

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Tropical Cyclones



Cyclone Rene downed power lines and trees while also tearing roofs off buildings in the South Pacific island nation of Tonga. High winds from the former Category 3 storm caused significant damage across the archipelago, especially to fruit trees and other crops.

• Outer bands of Cyclone Gelane brought strong winds and heavy rainfall to the western Indian Ocean islands of Mauritius and Reunion.

Earthquakes



A wide area of eastern Indonesia and Australia's "Top End" were jolted by a powerful temblor centered beneath the Banda Sea. No damage was reported.

• Earth movements were also felt in the southern Philippines, northwestern Sumatra, the central Chile-Argentina border region, northwestern Baja California and neighboring San Diego, interior parts of metropolitan Los Angeles and far eastern Cuba.

A Giant Threatened



A decline in California's famed coast fog over the past century could threaten the survival of the endangered coast redwood forests, which depend on the misty low clouds for a good portion of their water supply. James A. Johnstone of the University of California, Berkeley found that the duration of fog cover along the coast during summer has dropped about three hours per day since 1901. The fog duration reached its all-time low in 1997. Johnstone says this is due to a reduction in temperature differences between the ocean and interior, which normally pulls the fog into a narrow coastal strip at night through early mornings during summer. Since the towering redwoods absorb fog moisture in their leaves, the fog bank reduces the amount of groundwater the trees need during the normally rain-free California summers. Less fog threatens that relationship.

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Old Tale Transformed for 21st Century

by Zoe Cittern

The centuries old fairy tale of Little Red Riding Hood has recently been brought back to life with a 21st century musical twist.

Transformed by the students of Haliburton High School and teachers Dr. Darrell Dobson and Ms. Melissa Stephens it now includes a wealth of other fairy tale characters, punchy lines and a strong female heroine to revitalise it for a modern day audience.

Witty lines and memorable songs are packed throughout the play which was written by the High School Students themselves along with Dobson.

Razzamataz Kids Shows, a not-for-profit volunteer group that brings live entertainment to children in Haliburton County, came to



Dobson and asked if the students could produce a play for them. Writing began in September and the play will hit the Northern Lights Pavilion Theatre this weekend.

Dobson notes that they decided on the story of Little Red Riding Hood because "it's such a classic story that has been beloved throughout the ages. It must speak deeply to people because it's still retold today."

The story is transformed from the old tale of the little girl visiting her grandmother to the transformation of a girl into a young woman and the journey she makes along the way. Departing from the age old tale of the older man rescuing the timid girl, the tale is again changed for a modern audience with a

young woman as an active agent who learns that once you help others they'll help you back.

The story of the new Red discovering herself is something that Lindsay Hawley, who plays Red, can relate to. She says, "I can definitely relate to the character. I'll be graduating soon and going to University and it's similar to Red in the story who is breaking out into the world. She doesn't want to stay on the path that she's told to at the beginning of the play instead she wants to follow her own path."

Lindsay along with Will Riley chose to change the story from a play into a musical which Dobson at first was hesitant about. He explains, "They asked me if we could do a musical instead and I just didn't know if we would have time to take it to that level. However Will played some of the songs he had written and I thought they were remarkable. It's really astounding that a High School student has the opportunity for something like this."

Will, a senior, says "Lindsay asked me if I could write songs for them, I write a lot of songs myself but I've never written a musical before or a soundtrack so that was a definite challenge for me." Along with transitional interludes, there are five songs in total that Will wrote with each song taking him a few hours to write. He



adds, "If I didn't have something straight away I would come back to it later and then I normally didn't stop working on it until the song was completed. Once I had written a song I would sit down and look at the layout and really polish it." Will was given a short description of each scene that they needed a song for and he has since created catchy songs full of humorous and thought-provoking lyrics.

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Far left: Cameron Cox plays the Woodsman, Far left top: Nicole Jennings as a forest rabbit. Above: Lindsay Hawley takes the lead as Red Riding Hood, opposite page: Codie Hunt plays Hansel trapped by the Witch.

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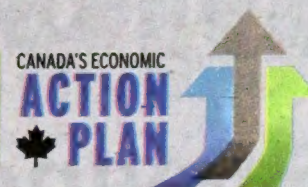
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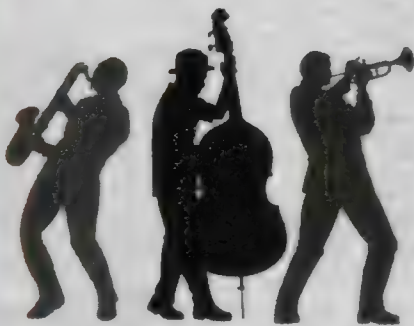
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The talented cast will be taking their play outside of Haliburton to Barrie on March 1st. The students will be travelling to the Sears Drama Festival. The Festival is a competitive High School drama festival which has been running for over 60 years. Two plays will be chosen to advance to the district levels, with two plays chosen to advance to the provincial showcase.

The play will premiere this Friday night at 7pm and Saturday at 1pm at the Northern Lights Pavilion Theatre. Tickets are available at the door, \$10 for adults and \$5 for those 12 and under. ■

Red Hawk Jazz Combo Clinches Silver



The Red Hawk Jazz Combo represented Haliburton Highlands Secondary School at the GTA JazzFest held last Tuesday at York University campus.

They earned a high silver rating with an invitation

to participate in the National Finals of MusicFest to be held in Ottawa in mid May. They impressed the judges with their creative and sophisticated approach to the music.

During the post performance workshop, the combo members were coached by York Jazz professor Ron Westray on how to take their performance to the next level. Vocalist Janice Kiteley, drummer Dan Boisvert, guitarist JJ Kerr, bassist Leo Regina and pianist Joe Ferracuti started to practice right away for their forthcoming trip to Ottawa.

The larger Jazz ensemble hopes to join the combo members by qualifying at a music festival in Collingwood on March 4th.

The HHSS Bands are having a spring concert on May 12th to raise funds for students heading to nationals. ■

Five Men Fined \$6,500 For Hunting Ducks at Baited Pond

Five men were fined a total of \$6,500 after being caught hunting ducks at an illegally baited pond.

Charles Hall and William Shannon of Baltimore, Carl Tinney and Dawson Tinney of Grafton, and Douglas Sullivan of Greenbank pleaded guilty to hunting within 400 metres of a baited area. They were each fined \$1,000 and prohibited from hunting waterfowl for a year. Shannon pleaded guilty to baiting the pond illegally and was fined an additional \$1,500.

Court heard that a Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officer and an Environment Canada wildlife officer checked on the group on September 26, 2009. They were observed hunting waterfowl at a pond in Anstruther Township. Further investigation revealed one of the group had baited the pond with 100 pounds of corn during the prohibited time period.

Justice of the Peace Jason Mariasine heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Peterborough, on February 11, 2010.

To report a natural resource violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). ■

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Officers responded to the scene and had conversation with the driver of a GMC pickup truck. The driver failed a roadside screening device test and was arrested. He was then taken back to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Stephen Paul Smith 45 years of Oshawa has been charged with Impaired Driving and Drive Over 80 mgs. He will be appearing in Minden court on April 7, 2010 in relation to the charges. ■

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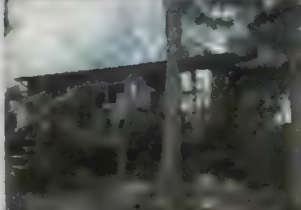


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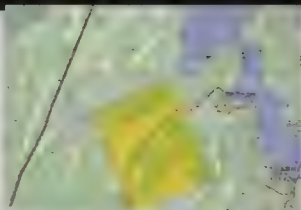


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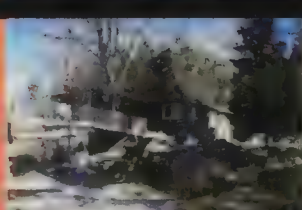


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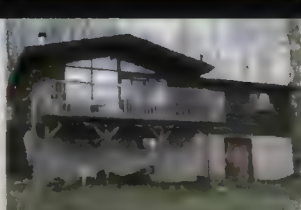


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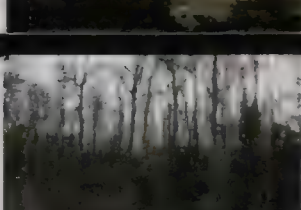


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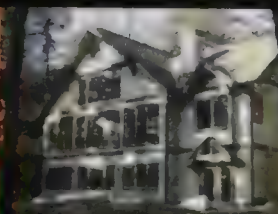


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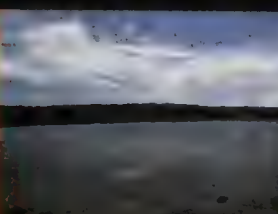


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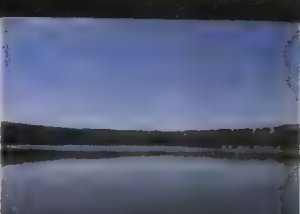


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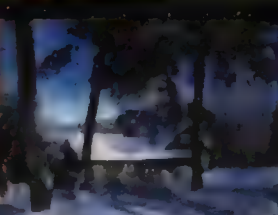


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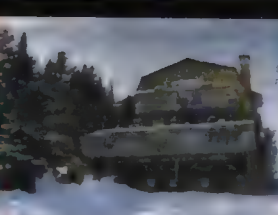


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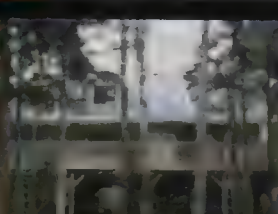


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Camping in the Everglades: Cappuccinos with the Crocodiles!

By Dr. Carol Sanio, Minden Animal Hospital: Photos by Lyn Winans

What do you do in January when you want a little vitamin D? Head down to the Florida Everglades and canoe the inner river routes, stay on a chickee and paddle with the dolphins. Subtropical wetlands in the south of Florida with tides flowing through the brackish water: that's where adventure is.

The entire southern half of Florida is a watershed, south of the inland lake of Okeechobee, which was originally the Everglades (first named by John Gerard de Brahm who mapped the southern coast of Florida in 1773). Water leaves the lake during the wet season forming a slow moving river 90 km wide and 160 km long. The water flows southward across a limestone shelf to Florida Bay.

The Everglades change with each season and are greatly affected by tides. The book by former editor and freelance writer for the Miami Herald, Marjorie Stoneman Douglas describes the "River of Grass" in a way that would make any canoe or kayak enthusiast want to travel the waterways there. The mangrove forests have taken over the Ten Thousand Islands making it impossible to stop and explore an island. Stopping is not possible until you find a campsite where the mangrove bushes are cleared and those sites are few and far between.

They must be booked 24 hours ahead so mapping out your route ahead of time is tricky. Mangrove trees are well adapted to the brackish water where fresh and salt water meet. They are also tolerant of the water level changes that are severe and lead to oxygen-poor soil. The estuarine ecosystem of the Ten Thousand Islands is almost completely comprised of mangrove forests, covering over 200,000 acres. Mangrove roots protect the land during storms, act as nurseries for fish and birds and help trap sediment that builds coastlines between storms.

They also keep humans from entering the land. It was the inaccessibility that made the Everglades the perfect hiding place for the Rum-runners during Prohibition. It was so vast and almost no law enforcement officers patrolled it. It was rumored that at one time an entire town's population were somehow connected to the rum-runners and they were all arrested on the same day. Talk about a ghost town.

The Everglades likely looked much different in the past, since half the original Everglades has been turned into agricultural or urban areas. The primary crop was sugarcane. There is very little sugarcane to be found now. The 70s brought international attention



to the environment and the Everglades was one of three wetland areas designated as being of global importance. It was being drained and quickly.

The 80's brought restoration, removal of man made canals, and the draining of Okeechobee was slowed. It was not until 2000 when a plan to restore the Everglades was actually approved by Congress and is to date the most expensive environmental repair attempt in history. The number of birds has been reduced by 90 percent although there are still far more birds than in our neck of the woods. It seemed that there were birds everywhere you looked but the locals claim there are relatively few birds left, which statistics apparently confirm.



smaller rivers where the dolphins liked to play was the highlight of the trip. Getting lost among the islands of mangroves with a compass directionally challenged and the sun descending in the sky made finding the camp site a real adventure.

But the maps were very good and the sun was reliable, so compass or no compass we found our way. We knew there would be four campers at the site as we had run into them earlier, and knew they would be headed to our site for the night. We were late getting to the site so got the lovely tent site with a view of the port-a-potty.

The clearing was small; there were two tables and an outhouse. Not exactly the camp sites I had envisioned overlooking the salt waterway with birds adorning the shorelines. (We really do have the best campsites here in Ontario.)

It was close to dark when another six people showed up at our campsite. It was a good two hour paddle to the next site, so it was not possible to take a hard line with these guys. The "Guys", we find out later, do this little canoe trip together every year. The one who explained who all the players were said he was the newbie, he did not join until 1988. One would think they would get to know each other pretty well, they camped and canoed together for a week annually.

You'd also think they could share a tent or a meal, but no. Each one brought his own tent, own food, own stove, own coffee making method. We were treated

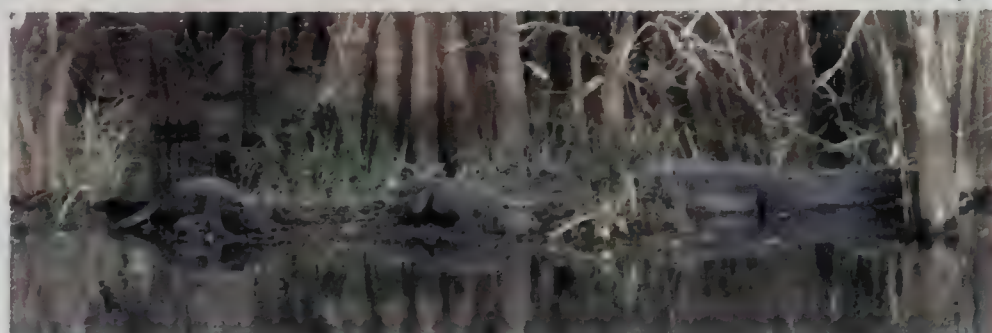
to Turkish coffee, cappuccinos, lattes with whip cream and some other stranger than life coffee machine that made very dark coffee that required bottled liquid added to make it drinkable. The conversation was equally diverse as were the sounds from many tents during the night piled up practically on top of each other. That was 11 tents for two women and 10 guys on a campsite that could hold two tents comfortably. Oh the quiet solitude of camping in the everglades!

It was an adventure and worth the trip if only to see the playing dolphins and the crocks at a distance. And, since the "guys" were reporters and geographers, engineers and naturalists, we gathered quite a lot of information about the history and geography of the area. But, like good Canadian campers, we certainly had to teach them about sharing! ■



January is the dry season, and this year January also brought the "cold season" as there was a 10 day freeze. Much of the vegetation died, especially on the north side of the river. There were 1000's of dead fish floating in the river and caught in the mangrove branches along the edges of the land. The smell was that of rotting fish. The tropical fish did not like the cold temperatures apparently.

The water way inland up the river to Sunday Bay was like canoeing a river in Ontario except the water was salty and, oh yes, all those dead fish. Paddling south through



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Central East Community Care Access Centre Official Defends Service

By Zoe Cittern

An article in the Voice on January 14th 2010 titled "Alzheimer's Rates Could More than Double in Thirty Years" detailed the debilitating disease and the client care offered for patients and caregivers in Haliburton County.

The article elicited a response from Gail Scala, Director of Communications at Central East Community Care Access Centre.

Comments were made by Haliburton health care professionals who stated to the Voice "in the last year the Haliburton Access Centre amalgamated with other areas such as Durham and parts of Scarborough. Scarborough had a large debt so in turn there had to be a cutback in services and there are now waiting lists for most services provided by the Access Centre, whereas before they had no waiting lists."

Scala's response to the comment that 'Scarborough had a large debt' was that, "This is untrue as is the statement that the Haliburton Access Centre amalgamated in the last year. Our Haliburton Branch has in fact been a part of the Central East CCAC for the past three years. The one part of the statement in the article that is correct concerns our waitlist but the reason attributed to it is incorrect. In the past three years, the demand for CCAC services has increased dramatically particularly in the number of high acuity clients that are being referred from hospitals for home and community services. At this time, these clients are a priority for our services as we attempt to support the provincial effort of assisting hospitals in our region deal with the pressure they are experiencing in their emergency departments and with their Alternative Level of Care designation challenges. In short, clients are being discharged from hospital into the community earlier and in a more acute condition, therefore requiring greater levels of services from the Central East CCAC. Because of the increased demand for our services and because as a government funded organization we have an obligation to live within our means, over the past year we have had to implement waitlists for some services for clients who do not have high needs or who are not at a high risk."

In a separate conversation Scala told the Voice that "we also make sure we provide referrals to the community service support organizations for those clients who we have had to waitlist so that they become aware of services in the community they can access to fill the gap."

One service they refer clients to is Community Care Haliburton County which provides services such as transportation, light housekeeping, a friendly visitor, house cleaning, yard work etc.

Scala also advised that the Information and Referral department can refer clients to Rest Assure Respite and Eldercare Service which helps with numerous services such as grocery shopping, light housekeeping, personal support services etc. Scala noted that "this is a service out of Lindsay which also covers the Haliburton area." However calls to the Rest Assure Respite and Eldercare Service told the Voice that they wouldn't be expanding to the Haliburton area until at least the Spring. But they have recently opened a respite home in Lindsay that clients can travel to although this stirs up further issues of transportation etc.

Central East CCAC provides the names of some of their contracted service providers such as the Red Cross and Paramed who clients can choose to hire privately. They provide online and telephone information and referral services from anywhere in the province by calling 310-CCAC.

Scala further states "essentially we have had a waitlist for personal support work services in place over the past year. The waitlist was introduced to address the significant increase in referrals from hospitals due to the success of the alternative level of care and emergency department initiatives being rolled out by the province through the Central East LHIN."

Moreover it's important to address what is being done to reduce the waiting list times. Scala comments that the Central East CCAC is "trying to address the increased demand for our services by looking at ways in which we can be more efficient, for example best practices in programs such as wound care, reviewing our medical supplies and expenses and potentially putting in Alternative Care Settings clinics."

According to Scala, "While our first priority is always to our clients we also have a fiscal responsibility to work to balance client care with our fiscal responsibilities. In order to balance out our service provision, we have had to waitlist some of our clients who are at lower risk than others. We use a provincial standardized priority rating tool to assess the needs and risk factors for our clients. When accessed the low risk patients are referred to community agencies. The fixed budget has to provide to the greatest need. We don't put people at risk; it's not our mandate to do that."

Health care professionals in Haliburton County who provide services and help for clients however are still finding difficulties with gathering help and support for their clients.

One health care professional recently told the Voice, "We have one client who wants to keep his wife at home as long as possible, but did not get any homecare. He requested personal assistance with bathing which is a justifiable reason for having homecare. However because she is not on the waitlist for long term care he doesn't qualify. This is the whole reason for homecare, to help keep people at home and out of LTC. Now it is a requirement for care. Another client was getting overnight support because he is palliative but because he is living longer than thought those hours are being cut back. One client had to wait a while to get a raised toilet seat because of the waitlist for an occupational therapist. This put her at risk of falling."

Budget issues and volumes of clients that the Central East CCAC deals with, some 30,000 people, on a daily basis, has clearly stretched their means. At the time of amalgamation, January 2007, the former Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria CCAC did not have a waitlist. However Scala adds that "some access centres handled demands differently, they didn't always call it a waitlist. It doesn't matter if they had one or not, we have a much greater demand on our services than we did five years ago but people don't realise that."

Overall some clients are still waiting for services and measures must be put in place to ensure that all clients, high or low risk are given the care that they need. ■

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Thus so wretched is man that he would weary even without any cause for weariness... and so frivolous is he that, though full of a thousand reasons for weariness, the least thing, such as playing billiards or hitting a ball, is sufficient enough to amuse him. ~Blaise Pascal

Matt Duchene Tends his Roots

Matt Duchene returned to Haliburton last week to get in touch with his home-town roots, see his buddies, cheer on his Red Hawks hockey team, and spend a whole lot of hours with the County's budding hockey stars. On three separate occasions Duchene took two hours of his time to meet his friends, fans, former teachers and coaches, sign autographs and encourage everyone to contribute a few bucks to the Hospital for Sick Children in the late Dawson Hamilton's name. When nine-year-old Dawson died last month of leukemia his buddy and supporter Duchene flew a lot of miles to attend his funeral, a gesture much appreciated by young Dawson's family. And if Duchene can see an opportunity to turn a tragedy into something positive, he'll take it.

So is it good to be home? "Yeah, it's amazing," Duchene told the Voice. "It's a time to rest, to recharge my batteries, and it's always great to come back to your roots and be with your family. It's really a demanding life for me now, you're on the ice pretty much six days a week, games every other night often, and then there's the conditioning, and the travel. But it's sure a lot of fun. The media in Denver is good in that they care about the team, but it's not anything like what it would be like in Toronto, so that's a plus in a way."

Duchene's rookie season with the Colorado Avalanche has been a spectacular success so far: he leads all rookies in scoring, and is a leading contender for the Calder Trophy as best rookie. "I wanted to get to 20 goals before the Olympic break, and I was able to do that, and it was great that my last two goals were in a really tight game, not a blowout, and it's always awesome to be able to help out your team. That was a huge two points for us, and that meant the most of all."

Duchene is not just a great young rookie having a story-book season. He's also keenly aware of how tight the playoff race is for his Avalanche: "It seems as if every other team wins every night sometimes, and there are only a few points separating teams that are going to make it and those who won't."

Early in the season Duchene struggled to score at the pace he'd been used to all his playing career, and he commented then that it was taking time for him to figure out NHL goaltending. "There's no comparison between NHL goalies and Ontario Hockey League goalies. That's why it takes goalies a few more years before they're ready for the NHL. If you take a good shot in the OHL, placed where it's supposed to go, it will more likely than not go in. In the NHL the goalie will make an easy stop, almost no chance for the shooter. Goal scoring in the NHL is knowing where to go, where to shoot, and get to the crease. You shot is only half of it, and the rest is tactics and going to the net."

Next week Duchene resumes his duties with the Avalanche – and leaves behind once again a slew of great memories for the kids – and their parents – in his home town. ■



Curl for Care Spiel Raises \$3000

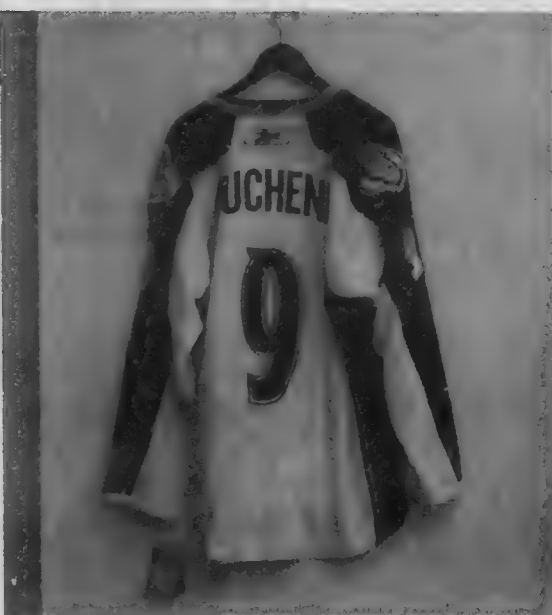
The Curl for Care Bonspiel raised \$3,000 for the HHHSF for the stationary ceiling lifts. Thanks to Steve & Michelle Todd of Todd's Independent, Colio Estate Wines, Curry Motors & Parker Pad & Printing for prizes. There were 64 curlers that enjoyed the three six end games & roast beef dinner. Special thanks to the staff of Todd's Independent, volunteers Bob & Anne MacNaull & Tom Merriman.



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Hawks vs Wildcats

By Evan Norrish, Sports Reporter

It was an exciting and eventful day for the Haliburton Red Hawks Hockey team last week Wednesday February 17th at the Lindsay arena when NHL rookie and former Haliburton Red Hawk Matt Duchene was on the bench to give the team and the coach's some help with the game against the AAA IE Weldon Wildcats.

Matt decided that on his little bit of off time that he would come home and get involved with the community. Matt spent his time home signing autographs for the kids and even practicing with the home town team on Tuesday February the 16th.

The game against the Wildcats started out like every other one, but to those of us who have been looking forward to this game for the last couple weeks knew it wasn't going to be. The Red Hawks started off the game very aggressively and within the first 18 seconds of the first period Haliburton got goal number one, but the Wildcats answered right back two minutes later with their first goal.

Now the race was on to get the lead, and the Hawks again overcame adversity and within four minutes of the tying goal the Hawks scored again, making the score was 2-1 but they were not done yet. Before the second period they scored twice more to take a 4-1 lead.

The Haliburton Red Hawks came on to the ice in the second period and played great offense and defense. Even though there were penalties being called all over the ice against both teams, they didn't let that distract them. They kept focused on the game and with 5:59 left in the second period the Red Hawks scored goal number five to make the score 5-2 for Haliburton. Now the Haliburton Red Hawks had a 3 point lead and a little confidence to boot. When the team got on the ice for the third period it



seemed that the pressure of winning the game against the IE Weldon Wildcats was no longer there. Now all the Hawks had to do was play good defense and maybe even put the puck in the net a couple more times, and that is exactly what they did. It looked like the score was going to stay 5-2 for the Hawks for most of the third period but with 9:09 left in the game Haliburton scored their 6th goal for a four point lead against the Wildcats. Then, with but two minutes left in the third Haliburton got our 7th goal. Even though the Wildcats scored their 3rd goal with only 14 seconds left in the game we still won 7-3.

Goals were scored by Brett Yake, Brenden Yake, Carson Roberts, Ashton Haley, Mark Vasey and Scott Griffith. "It is a challenge to get the team motivated to travel and play in big arenas, but they played a great game against the Wildcats," says Coach Ron Yake. I think that when the Hawks play the Kawartha tournament on March third the Haliburton team will have lots of confidence. ■

Hawks vs Knights

By Evan Norrish
Sports Reporter

There was a lot of tension on the ice on Monday February 22nd at the Haliburton Arena, when the home town Red Hawks hosted a game against the Norwood Knights. The game started out action filled and full of excitement. The Haliburton Red Hawks kept their minds on the game and not on all the penalties that were being called on the against the Norwood Knights and with 8:44 left in the first period Keaton Gadway scored the first goal. Now the Knights had to put their heads in the game to catch up with the Red Hawks. Even though the Haliburton Red Hawks are undefeated in their league the Knights gave the home town team a run for their money.

It was almost the end of the first period and the score was still 1-0 for the Hawks when, with 2:34 left, the Hawks managed to get around the Knights defense and score their 2nd goal. Now the Knights had the pressure put on them with the score being 2-0 for the Hawks, but before the end of the first period Captain Matt Rea scored the third goal, making the score was 3-0.

When the Knights came out on to the ice for the second period they knew they had to keep their stick on the ice and really focus on the game, and with only 35 seconds gone the Knights scored their first goal of the game. Even though the Knights had scored they were still no match for the Haliburton Red Hawks. The score stayed the same for the remainder of the second period 3-1 for the Red Hawks.

In the third and final period in the game it looked like the Hawks were going to be able to call this one another victory: and 10:09 left Ashton Haley scored their fourth goal, forcing the Knights to step up their game yet again. But soon the Knights began to take some foolish penalties, which certainly didn't help their game: then Brett Yake scored the fifth and final goal of the game to make it 5-1 for the Haliburton Red Hawks. The Red Hawks are traveling to Peterborough Friday February 25th to play Adam Scott C.V.I High School, and next week the playoffs begin. ■

COSSA Competition at Sir Sams

By Evan Norrish
Sports Reporter

It was another great day at the Sir Sams ski hill on Friday February 19th for the COSSA snowboarding competition. The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School was the host for the snowboarding tournament and everyone that participated was anxious to put their skills on the slopes to the test.

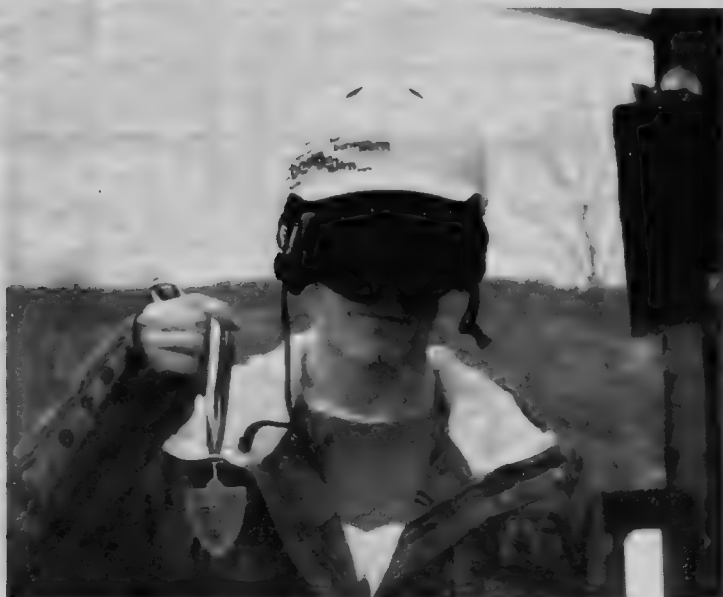
This year there were a number of spectators awaiting the results of the competition but they had to wait till the tournament started at 10:20. As always all the students from Fenlon Falls Secondary School and

HHSS put on a great show for the people that were at the ski hill. Everyone that partook in the one day event got ribbons but only a couple people got to take home COSSA medals.

The winners of the competition had only a couple one hundreds of a second between then and first place for the boys was taken by Dayan Worsley of the Fenelon Falls Secondary School: second place in the boys division was taken by Alex Vassos from HHSS and third place for the boys went to Mackenzie Robinson of HHSS.

The winners of the girls division in the COSSA competition was Chantal Coulter of the Fenelon Falls Secondary School who took first place and also was the first place winner at the Kawartha Qualifying last week at Sir Sams. Second place was taken by Sarah Skuce of FFSS and third place was given to Christianna Walker of HHSS who was also the second place winner of the Kawartha Qualifying tournament last week.

All the people that participated in the event showed great sportsmanship last week. Coach Phil Dulong and the whole snowboarding team will be traveling to Georgian Peaks Resort on Wednesday March 3rd for the OFSSA competition. ■



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Winter Folk Camp II Caters to Music Lovers of All Kinds Experience Workshops, Concerts and More: March 5-8 in Haliburton

By Mark Arike

Close your eyes and picture yourself surrounded by some truly gifted Canadian artists, in a scenic winter setting at one of Haliburton County's most highly revered camps where nothing but the sound of music and a healthy dose of camaraderie reign supreme.

Now stop your daydreaming, open your eyes, and turn that vision and those good vibes you're feeling into a reality by signing up for a unique four-day escape at Winter Folk Camp II, hosted by the Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS).

"There will be tons of music – constantly – and lots of laughter," said artistic director of the second annual folk camp Sean Pennylegion.

It's a folk lover's dream come true: an abundance of workshops and jam sessions with experienced musicians, concerts, and a splendid atmosphere in the tranquil setting of Camp Wanakita in Haliburton.

There aren't many changes to the format of this year's camp – set to run from March 5 to 8 – in comparison to last year's inaugural event, which drew 55 participants.

"The only complaint – well, not so much of a complaint, but more of an issue – was that people felt that last year's camp was too short," said Pennylegion. "We (the Winter Folk Camp committee) sat down, looked at evaluations, and decided that we would add a date to the camp."

Winter Folk Camp provides the perfect opportunity for novice and experienced musicians to collaborate with a roster of artists worthy of envy – in numerous ways.

"Camp is made up of five, one-and-a-half hour classes with one of the six artists in residence," explained Pennylegion.

This year's impressive line-up includes: Rodrigo Chavez (percussion), Eve Goldberg (beginner guitar), Paul Mills aka "Curly Boy Stubbs" (guitar), Linda Morrison (chorals), Ian Tamblin (songwriting) and Cindy Thompson-Butineau (fiddle).

Folk camp, no doubt, has some of the best of the best. The committee responsible for the selection process made sure of that.

"There were all kinds of criteria we went through when we selected the artists for camp," explained Pennylegion. "They obviously had to have talent, but they also had to be teachers ... and enjoy being around people."

In addition to these comprehensive workshops, participants will have access to extra workshops that will allow them to explore other types of music.

"Those will be done collaboratively, in a participatory fashion," said Pennylegion.

And when folk camp attendees are looking to do something in between classes, they will have access to several other benefits that come with the four-day package.

"There's complimentary yoga each day with Lynda Shadbolt," Pennylegion pointed out.

Outdoor activities such as cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and hiking are all also provided at Wanakita's facilities.

Last year at camp, a number of evening concerts, which were open to the public, will once again return.

"On Saturday and Sunday evening there are concerts but we're calling them 'ceilidh's' (pronounced "kay-lee"), said Pennylegion.

Back in the day, Ceilidh's referred to a traditional Gaelic social event, usually of the dancing sort. The goal is to stay away from a structured, on-cue kind of night, but rather to resort to the kind of spontaneity that lets everyone join the party.

"There will be two different shows, but my suspicion is that we'll end up seeing all of the artists in residence on stage, in different capacities," said Pennylegion. "These two shows are once again open to the public."

To keep participants fueled up during camp, the caring and considerate Wanakita staff will look after all meals – breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks.

"They are renowned for their meals," said Pennylegion, adding that those with food allergies need not worry, as staff will gladly accommodate their needs.

Those looking to sign-up can choose between two packages. The first includes all meals (except alcohol) and accommodations; the second, known as semi-inclusive, includes everything except the accommodations.

Those only interested in attending evening concerts on Saturday and Sunday can purchase tickets at the door for \$15, HCFS members' rate, or \$20 for non-members.

Pennylegion hopes that folk camp participants enjoy themselves at what he attests to as being a "top-quality program."

"This is a great opportunity for those who have had just about enough of winter," he added.

To reserve your spot at Winter Folk Camp II, go on-line to www.winterfolkcamp.com. While there you can see video footage from last year's event provided by Highlands Media Arts. You can also contact Sean Pennylegion at 705 457-1174. ■



Super Crossword SWEET TALK

ACROSS

- 1 Singer Ian
- 6 Get the picture
- 11 Bespectacled dwarf
- 14 Craze
- 17 Coleridge's "Dejection: —"
- 18 Piled up
- 20 Honest name
- 21 Nutritional abbr.
- 22 Start of a remark
- 24 "Short —" ('86 film)
- 26 — di-dah
- 27 Cavalry characteristic
- 28 Wapiti
- 30 First-class
- 31 Neighbor of Cal.
- 32 Hindu deity
- 36 Excludes
- 37 Caution
- 40 Peter of "Becket"
- 42 Long-legged wader
- 44 Part 2 of remark
- 50 Tree trim
- 51 Mischievous
- 52 Trigger-happy guy?
- 53 Cen. segments

- 55 Label
- 56 Mortgages, e.g.
- 58 Virginia —
- 60 Small combo
- 61 Adolescent
- 62 Witch wheels?
- 65 Repeated
- 67 TV's "— City"
- 69 Part 3 of remark
- 73 Temporary calm
- 74 Witch doctor
- 76 Synonym source
- 77 Support
- 79 Sheet of stamps
- 80 Heady quaffs
- 82 Destroyed
- 84 Regulatory agcy.
- 87 White House spokesman
- 88 Sault — Marie, MI
- 89 Alex Rieger, for one
- 93 Bunch of bass
- 95 Part 4 of remark
- 99 Black or Valentine
- 100 Reach
- 101 Riches' predecessor

- 102 Rubbish
- 104 Mortarboard part
- 106 Cookbook author
- 109 Guitar features
- 110 John — Passos
- 111 On the briny
- 112 Fast flier
- 115 Last name in talk shows
- 117 End of remark
- 123 Mineral suffix
- 124 Wrong
- 125 Printing
- 126 Romeo and Juliet
- 127 — Guevara
- 128 Dram
- 129 Examine
- 130 Like a lummo

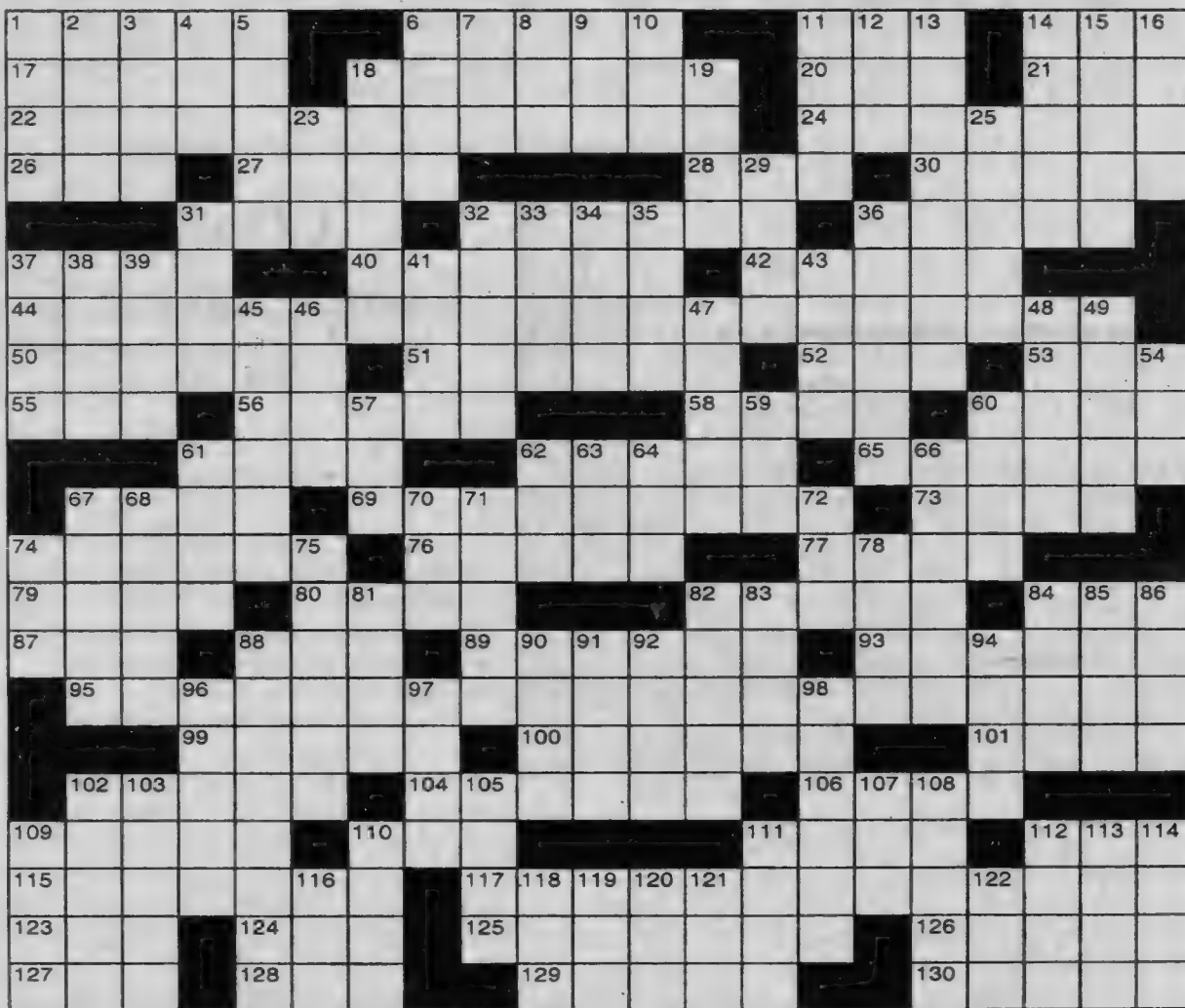
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- 10 — diem
- 11 Actor Rambo
- 12 Ben — Wan
- 13 Kenobi
- 14 Rite
- 14 Healthful snack
- 15 Mine entries
- 16 See socially
- 18 Wonder Woman, for one
- 19 Believe
- 23 Yalie
- 25 Hold fast
- 29 Bolger/Haley co-star
- 31 Hill dwellers
- 32 High times
- 33 Gambol ('02 film)
- 34 Jai —
- 35 Coop crowd
- 36 Baltimore bird
- 37 Skater Katarina
- 38 Kuwait's continent
- 39 Tolled
- 41 Pollux or Bert
- 43 Bobbsey
- 43 Rochester's missis
- 45 Montana's capital
- 46 Tennis pro
- 47 Nastase

- 48 Austrian province
- 49 Bay window
- 54 Lay down the lawn
- 57 MIT grad
- 59 Cassowary kin
- 60 Consequently
- 61 Use a stopwatch
- 62 Marsh
- 63 Actress McClanahan
- 64 Legendary Giant
- 66 Boxing maneuver
- 67 Lewis or Belafonte
- 68 "— Room" ('02 film)
- 70 Archaic preposition
- 71 Puccini heroine
- 72 Indian export
- 74 Health club
- 75 Character
- 78 Essence
- 81 — majesty
- 82 Rope material
- 83 Utah city
- 84 "My kingdom — horse!"
- 85 Henning or McClure

- 86 48 Across attraction
- 88 Photo
- 90 "Woe is me!"
- 91 Certain sandwiches
- 92 Eight bits
- 94 Jealous Olympian
- 96 Japanese dog
- 97 Till
- 98 Complete agreement
- 102 Solemn vow
- 103 Soprano
- 105 "— forgive those ..."
- 107 VCR button
- 108 Native New Zealander
- 109 Bk.'s backup
- 110 Adroit
- 111 Sailor's shout
- 112 Mall event
- 113 — aerobics
- 114 Exam
- 116 Tabloid flier
- 118 Mrs. McKinley
- 119 "Whether — nobler in the mind ..."
- 120 Hasbrouck —, NJ
- 121 Security grp.
- 122 Cambodia's — Nol

DOWN

- 1 Secure spot
- 2 Dancer
- 3 Pavlova
- 3 Hit the chips
- 4 A mean Amin
- 5 Passover meal
- 6 Feds
- 7 Vole kin
- 8 Gray matter?



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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

OPENING DOORS FOR WOMEN CAN OPEN A CAN OF WORMS

DEAR ABBY: I sympathize with "Stumped for an Answer" (Dec. 22), the man who was speechless when a woman objected to his opening the door for her. Haven't we all experienced "moments after," wishing we'd found the right words at the right time? My son — a high school sophomore — had a timely response in a similar circumstance. We had stopped at a grocery store for a couple of items and were walking toward the exit. Just ahead was a woman carrying three large bags. My son stepped up to open the door for her, and in a strident voice she said, "Listen, Sonny, I can handle the door myself!" My boy answered with a polite smile and a pleasant tone of voice: "I'm sorry. I'll excuse your rudeness if you'll forgive my courtesy." — **PROUD MOM IN RUIDOSO, N.M.**

DEAR PROUD MOM: At times these days it can seem that manners are an endangered species. My office was flooded with mail from readers eager to "politely" share their thoughts. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am tired of people not using good manners or even recognizing what good manners are. Personally, it makes my day when someone holds the door for me. I usually offer thanks and a smile. (By the way, "please" and "thank you" also seem sadly lacking these days.) I feel sorry for that unappreciative woman because she must lead a bitter life. Please let the guy know there are others out there who appreciate good manners and please don't let one rotten apple spoil the barrel. — **TIRED OF THE MANNERLESS**

DEAR ABBY: Here's what he should have said: "I was taught that it is respectful to open a door for a lady. I apologize for having misjudged you." — **ANOTHER LADY IN SEDONA, ARIZ.**

DEAR ABBY: My guess is the woman was having a bad day and the man was a convenient target. I also prefer that doors not be held open for me. I have fibromyalgia, which is usually only apparent if I have my cane. I usually open doors by leaning my back into them. That's what works best for me. People's attempts to "help" me have caused me to fall or the door to slam back on me. I understand most folks are trying to be kind, but because some of them are clueless, my suggestion is to first ASK someone if you can hold the door for her or him. If the answer is no, please respect it. — **NOT UNGRATEFUL IN COLORADO**

DEAR ABBY: I am an independent woman and I don't like men to open doors for me. It makes me feel inferior. When I run across a guy who insists on doing it, I allow him to. But then I rush to open the next one for him. Usually I get a chuckle when he reluctantly goes through. — **DO-IT-MYSELF, FOSTORIA, OHIO**

DEAR ABBY: My reply would have been, "Common courtesy knows no gender." — **RON IN WASHINGTON, D.C.**

DEAR ABBY: To a woman who once yelled at him for opening a door for her, my husband responded: "It's not because you're a woman. It's because of your AGE." It left her speechless. — **GRETCHEN IN FAIRBANKS**

DEAR ABBY: Another possible reason a woman might not want to have a door opened for her: As a short-statured person, I find it an invasion of my space when a tall man reaches up and over me to hold a door, so I must scoot under his arm. — **ANOTHER VIEWPOINT IN CONNECTICUT**

DEAR ABBY: When it happened to me, I smiled at the woman and said: "I didn't open the door for you because you're a lady. I opened it for you because I'm a gentleman." It got my point across. — **DON IN ALAMEDA, CALIF.**

Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: Although you like things to go smoothly, you're not shy about making waves when you believe the situation calls for it.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Change is still dominant for Rams and Ewes, both in the workplace and their private lives. This is also a good time to look at a possible relocation if that has been one of your goals.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Doing things for others is what you do well. But don't forget that Bovines thrive on the arts, so make some time for yourself to indulge your passion for music and artistic expressions.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) While the Romantic Twin considers where to go for his or her upcoming vacation, the Practical Twin will start making travel plans now to take advantage of some great bargains.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your sensitive nature helps you deal with a difficult emotional situation. Be patient and continue to show your sincere support wherever (and for whomever) it is needed.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're making progress as you move through some unfamiliar territory. And while there might be a misstep or two along the way, overall you're heading in the right direction. Good luck.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Some good news arrives — and just in time to remind you that you're making progress. Perhaps things aren't moving as quickly as you'd prefer, but they're moving nevertheless.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a good week to step back and assess the facts that have recently emerged to see where they can be used to your advantage. Also, don't hesitate to make changes where necessary.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You should begin to experience some support from those who now agree with your point of view. This should help counter the remaining objections from die-hard skeptics.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don't let your aim be deflected by trivial matters as you try to resolve a confusing situation. Take time to find and thoroughly assess the facts before making any decision.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The possibility of moving to another location has come up. But before you dismiss it as unworkable, it's worth checking out just in case it does have some merit after all.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) New relationships — personal or work-related — show mixed signals. Best to assume nothing. Let things play themselves out until you have something substantive to work with.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your ability to make needed changes without causing too much, if any, negative ripple effect comes in handy when dealing with a sensitive matter either on the job or in the family.

ISAAC ASIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Isaac Asimov's Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: GET "MAD"
Each answer is a word that begins with "mad." (e.g., A pejorative term for an insane asylum. Answer: Madhouse.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. Capital city of Spain.
Answer: _____
2. The fourth U.S. president.
Answer: _____
3. First name of the first woman to become a U.S. secretary of state.
Answer: _____
4. Roommate of Felix Unger.
Answer: _____
5. French title used for an unmarried woman.
Answer: _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

6. The fourth-largest island in the world.
Answer: _____
7. American pop singer and sex symbol.
Answer: _____
8. Capital of the state of Wisconsin.
Answer: _____
9. The Wall Street money manager who swindled \$50 billion.
Answer: _____
10. He coached the Oakland Raiders to victory in Super Bowl XI.
Answer: _____

PH.D. LEVEL

11. A fortified dessert wine.
Answer: _____
12. Muslim schools in Bangladesh and Pakistan.
Answer: _____
13. A song for two or three unaccompanied voices.
Answer: _____
14. Politician who drove African-Americans from his Pickrick cafeteria.
Answer: _____
15. Nicknamed "Mad Dog," he had a .305 batting average.
Answer: _____

ANSWERS: 1. Madrid. 2. Madison (James). 3. Madeleine (Albright). 4. Madison (Oscar). 5. Mademoiselle. 6. Madagascar. 7. Madonna. 8. Madison. 9. Madoff (Bernie). 10. Madden (John). 11. Madeira. 12. Madrasah. 13. Madrigal. 14. Maddox (Lester). 15. Madlock (Bill).

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Carol Thompson

(Resident of Lochlin, Ontario)

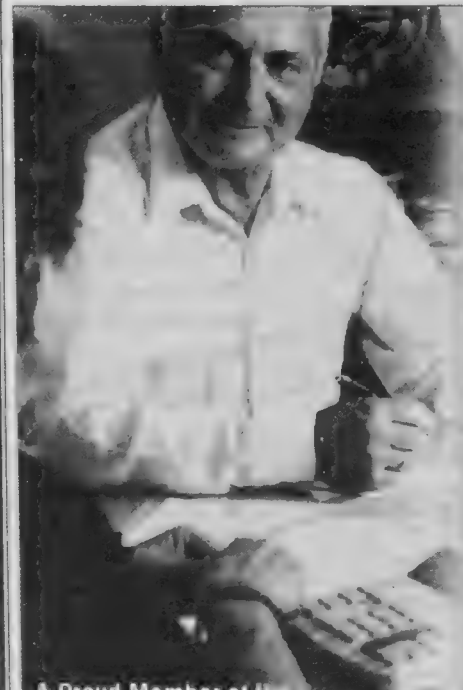
Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Saturday morning, February 20, 2010 in her 70th year. Beloved mother of William "Bill" Thompson (Rose) of Keswick and Paul Thompson (AKA: Ziggy The Clown) of Lochlin. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Michelle Thompson of Keswick and Jacey Thompson of Orillia. Also remembered by many relatives and friends. Carol was a lover of animals. Graveside Service

A Graveside Service will be held in the Spring. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Ontario SPCA would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209

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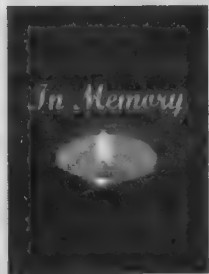
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Brother - Alick - February 27, 1989

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Sadly missed by Clare and Family

Haliburton to Host first Ontario Cup Race this Weekend

Submitted by Blake Paton

The province's best cross-country skiers will pay a visit to Glebe Park in Haliburton this weekend as Haliburton Ski Club hosts the final Ontario Cup race of the season. Racers of all ages from clubs across the province will vie for medals and ranking points at this two-day event. Racing begins at 9:30 while the awards are scheduled for 1 pm each day.

The first day of competition features the free or "skate" technique as racers start individually and race against the clock. The second day features the classic technique and racers will start together in a mass start where the first one across the line is the winner. A number of local skiers will be representing the Haliburton Ski Club at the race including Christine Bishop, Brynn and Del Myers, Emily Turner, Joshua and Daniel Wright.

The Ontario Cup race series consists of four races, one held in each of the four districts of Ontario. This is the first time Haliburton has played host to such a prestigious skiing event. Spectators are welcome to come and see the best skiers in the province as they meet during the weekend. Local skiers are advised that the trails at Glebe Park will be closed while the racers are on course. ■

Need Hay?

After the Highland Cup Race on March 6th & 7th approximately 1500 bails of hay will be available for sale on March 8th for \$2.00 each after the Highland Cup race.

Super Crossword

Answers

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Trillium Lakelands District School Board, with schools encompassing the District Municipality of Muskoka, County of Haliburton and City of Kawartha Lakes, is committed to quality education with the belief that learning is a lifelong process. For further information on our Board, please refer to our web page at www.tlidsb.on.ca

Trillium Lakelands District School Board would like to thank all respondents, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Resumes will be kept on file for two months. The successful candidate will be required to provide a satisfactory criminal record check and complete a satisfactory health assessment as a condition of employment.

Larry Hope
Director of Education

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For further information on TLDSB and this position, including application details, please refer to our website. Applications, including three professional references (one of which must be a recent/immediate supervisor with authorization to be contacted under the terms of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act), should be forwarded, quoting file #MM-2010-02-16-03, by 4 p.m., Friday, February 26, 2010, to: Wilma Lynch, Senior Manager, Human Resources, Trillium Lakelands District School Board, P.O. Box 420, 300 County Road 36, Lindsay, ON K9V 4S4. Fax: 705-324-8913.

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Township of Algonquin Highlands

TENDER

SITE ATTENDANT SERVICES
At all Algonquin Highlands Landfill Sites

Closing Date and Time: Wednesday, March 10, 2010
12:00 noon Local Time

The Township of Algonquin Highlands invites tenders from
qualified contractors for the provision of Site Attendant
Services at all five Township landfill sites.

The scope of work includes providing direction and
assistance to site users, the collection of tipping fees,
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and orderly manner, and ensuring that the facilities are
safe for users.

Detailed tender documents may be obtained from the
Township office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30
p.m., Monday to Friday, or in a PDF file format from the
Township's website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Township of
Algonquin Highlands municipal office, 1123 North
Shore Rd, Minden, ON, K0M 2K0, until 12:00 noon
local time on Wednesday, March 10, 2010.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

For further information contact:
Brian Whetstone, Manager of Operations
Tel. 705-489-2379
Email: bwhetstone@algonquinhighlands.ca



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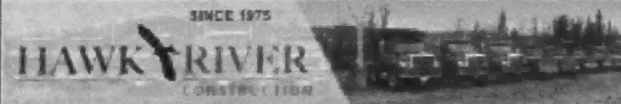
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New Business of the Year (in business 3 years or less)
Not-For-Profit Business of the Year (in business for 3+ years)
Young Entrepreneur of the Year (29 yrs & under)
Highlander of the Year
Customer Service of the Year

Business Awards Designed by Tom Green
Community Awards Designed by Mike Jaycock

Please ensure the Nominee fits all criteria of the Award and provide proper explanation to assist the nomination committee in their decisions.

Nominations will be accepted until Friday February 26th, 2010. Nominations can be emailed, mailed, faxed or dropped in the depot box at the Chamber Office in Minden.

Box 147, Minden, ON, K0M 2K0 Fax: (705) 286-0016.

For info call Maria Micallef (705) 286-1760
email: maria@haliburtonchamber.com

For Nomination criteria and forms are available at visit www.haliburtonchamber.com

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